

# ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

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AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
<b>Meeting Date: 21 July 2025</b>		
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC— <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <del>Understand the work being done to roll out EVCP across the district. ACTION: Monitor decisions made by DCC on this topic and try and get overview on what is being done, especially in terms of residential charging</del>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <del>Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet</del>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <del>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</del>	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <del>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</del>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <del>Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year</del>	

<b>Meeting Date: 1 September 2025</b>		
Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gain an understanding of what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain</i>	
Planning Infrastructure Bill/Planning Reform	To hear about changes to Planning and how this impacts the Council	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the impact of the Planning Bill/Reform</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To hear about the Local Plan and any changes/issues that have arisen</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 1	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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<b>Meeting Date: 17 November 2025</b>		
Fly-Tipping	To receive an overview on fly-tipping and to hear about the issues faced by the Authority and what is being done to combat the issue	Gill Halliwell, Service Manager (Commercial & Environment) / Thomas Rush, Team Manager (Environment Enforcement) – <b>REQUESTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the issues/concerns and to find out what the Authority are doing to combat the issue</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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<b>Meeting Date: 23 February 2026</b>		
Tree Strategy	Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the strategy and how this impacts the Council</i>	
Update on Waste Reforms	Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene – <b>(invite sent)</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the impact of the Reforms on the Council, and plans going forward</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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<b>Meeting Date: 11 May 2026</b>		
Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update on achievements to date against the Action Plan	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager - <b>TBC</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain an insight into the work that has been undertaken against the Action Plan</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
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## **NOTES**

- Warm Home Grants (Private Sector) – Feb/May 2026
- Waste management and disposal – implication of processes and stats in terms of recycling etc (to look at further once embedded)