

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR MICHAEL DURRANT

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AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 23 July 2025		
Planning Enforcement— General Overview including Developer Powers	Overview of planning enforcement and Developer powers, and how this affects our residents/communities	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning / Julian Hawley, Principal Planning Enforcement Officer— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Understand the P/Enforcement process and the obstacles facing the Authority.</i> ACTION: <i>Working Group to be set up to discuss PE</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	
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
	Outcomes: <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year</i>	

Meeting Date: 10 September 2025		
Homelessness Update	To receive an overview of homelessness including rough sleeping/Right to Remain	Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities / Gary Smithurst, Housing Strategy & Homeless Manager – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the homelessness process and how the Council deal with this issue including asylum dispersal</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Heard about the work done so far on 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
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Informed of Cabinet Decisions made to date and what topics are due to be presented in the future</i>	
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Meeting Date: 19 November 2025		
Tackling Antisemitism and Hate Crime including Equality Action Plan	Overview on what is being done to tackle antisemitism and hate crime	Faye Green, Community Safety Manager / Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities and Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To gain an understanding of what is being done at the Council to tackle antisemitism and hate crime, including ensuring awareness is embedded within policies and strategies</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and see what topics are due to be presented in the future, and determine if any require further follow-up by Scrutiny</i>	
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Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation,	Lead Officer

	regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	
	Outcomes: <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees’ work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 25 February 2026		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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Meeting Date: 13 May 2026		
Voluntary Sector Organisations Presentation – Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre	DUWC in attendance to present an overview on how their funding from the Authority is spent	ACCEPTED (via Tris Burdett)
	Outcomes: <i>To understand how the organisations are utilising the funding from the Council, and what benefits it has for the organisation</i>	
Community Safety Partnership	To receive an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership	Faye Green, Community Safety Manager – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To get an understanding of the CSP, including issues that may have arisen, and concerns going forward</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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NOTES

- Full adaptations review – due 2025 – no date confirmed yet *Aug 2025 – not yet commenced
- Five Year Housing Land Supply Update (add to end of year or 2025 Programme / include NPPF)
- Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plan
- UKSPF – Inclusive Communities – 26/27 W/Prog
- CAG/Luncheon Clubs
- Access to GP surgeries – initial research but possibly consider early 2026

HORIZON SCANNING (topics to be aware of going forward including legislation, regulation and key projects)

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan