

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH

VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 21 July 2025		
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: 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	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies	
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: To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year	

Meeting Date: 1 September 2025		
Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained further knowledge on 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 — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Heard about the impact of the Planning Bill/Reform</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 performing</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>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>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>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 the Work Programme for the year. ACTION: Add Warm Home Grants—Private Sector Housing to WP</i>	
Meeting Date: 27 October 2025 (INFORMAL)		
Wingerworth Lido	For Committee to consider the Motion from full Council on 22 September 2025	Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair of Environment Scrutiny
	Outcomes: <i>To determine Committee's decision on whether to progress with the Motion, and if so, how?</i>	
Meeting Date: 17 November 2025		
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) – REQUESTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the issues/concerns and to find out what the Authority are doing to combat the issue</i>	
Wingerworth Lido	For Committee to confirm their position on the Motion from full Council on 22 September 2025	Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair of Environment Scrutiny / Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To inform Committee/Public of the decision on how the Motion is being taken forward</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>	
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>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 23 February 2026		
Tree Strategy	Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <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 – (invite sent)
	Outcomes: <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
	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>	
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>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 11 May 2026		
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 - TBC
	Outcomes: <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
	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>	
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>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	

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)
- Biodiversity Net Gain Update / Call for Sites Update

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

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan

