

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26
CHAIR: CLLR SUZY CORNWELL
VICE CHAIR: CLLR RICHARD WELTON

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 28 July 2025		
East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results	To be presented with the East Midlands Chamber Economic Performance and Prospects survey results	Scott Knowles DL — Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber — ACCEPTED **SENT APOLS DUE TO PERSONAL APPOINTMENT
Outcomes: <i>To gain an understanding of views of businesses across the EM Region. ACTION: Invite to a future meeting (Nov)</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: 8 September 2025		
High Streets— attracting businesses and footfall	An overview on how we are making our high streets more attractive to businesses as well as increasing visitors/footfall	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into what is being done to attract businesses/visitors to our high streets</i>	
Council Assets— Leisure Centres— how do we attract visitors/footfall	An overview on how we are making our Leisure Centres more attractive and increasing visitors/footfall	Chris Mills, Assistant Director of Leisure / Sarah-Jane Roome, Business Improvement Coordinator— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into what is being done to attract businesses/visitors to our high streets and leisure centres. ACTION: Recirculate leisure branding information previously circulated</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</i>	

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Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 10 November 2025		
East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results	To be presented with the East Midlands Chamber Economic Performance and Prospects survey results	Scott Knowles DL — Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gain an understanding of views of businesses across the EM Region</i>	
"How's Business?" Survey Results	To receive the findings from the recent survey undertaken	Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained an insight into the issues/concerns raised of local businesses</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update — Quarter 2	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>	
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Meeting Date: 16 February 2026		
Digital Connectivity	To receive an update from Digital Derbyshire on connectivity across Derbyshire	Ian Stoddart, Digital Connectivity Manager, DCC — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>No further forward as DCC Officer left employment a couple of days before the meeting — no sub sent. ACTION: Email to Cabinet asking for them to lobby concerns with DCC about the issues of low connectivity within the District. Chair to also lobby DCC Portfolio Holder.</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update — Quarter 3	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>	

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	Outcomes: <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 11 May 2026		
Growth Strategy Update	To receive an update on progress made against the Growth Strategy	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes - REQUESTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the work that has been done in line with the Growth Strategy since the last update</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>	

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NOTES

- Topic for year ahead – how can we support our businesses? Look at what we offer i.e. business rate support, local plan – what can it do for employment
- EMCCA – to discuss growth, with particular reference to NED – how do NEDDC fit into the big picture? (Damien Dacey / Jamie Jordan)
- Asset Management Strategy Update (Stocktake review due in Feb 2027)
- Workforce Development Survey (mid 2026?)
- Proposed Tourist Levy by EMCCA

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

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan
- EMCCA Growth Plan
- Connectivity and Road Infrastructure

