

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26**

**CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH**

**VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER**

| <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>                | <b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>  | <b>LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION</b>                                      |
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| <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—<br><b>ACCEPTED</b> |
|                                   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Understand the work being done to roll out EVCP across the district. <b>ACTION:</b> Monitor decisions made by DCC on this topic and try and get overview on what is being done, especially in terms of residential charging</i> |   |
| Cabinet Business                  | Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan  | Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer                                   |
|                                   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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  |
|                                   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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  |
|                                   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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                                   |
|                                   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year</i>  |   |

**Meeting Date: 1 September 2025**

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| 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>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 — <b>ACCEPTED</b>                     |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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 — <b>ACCEPTED</b>                     |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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 |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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  |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |

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|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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  |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year. ACTION: Add Warm Home Grants—Private Sector Housing to WP</i>   |  |
| <b>Meeting Date: 27 October 2025 (INFORMAL)</b> |   |  |
| Wingerworth Lido                                | For Committee to consider the Motion from full Council on 22 September 2025   | Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair of Environment Scrutiny   |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Acknowledged the need to progress with Motion and to set in place the work to be undertaken to enable the Committee to make recommendations to Cabinet.</i> |  |
| <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)—<br><b>ACCEPTED</b> |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained insight into the issues/concerns and heard about what the Authority was doing to combat the issue. ACTION: Further stats required</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   |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Made a decision on how the Motion will be taken forward</i>   |  |
| Performance Management                          | Council Plan Targets Performance Update—Quarter 2   | Kath Drury—Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir—Improvement Officer   |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing</i>   |  |

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| Cabinet Business                      | Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan   | Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer  |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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  |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year.</i>  |  |
| <b>Meeting Date: 8 December 2025</b>  |  |  |
| Wingerworth Lido                      | For Committee to review evidence on the Wingerworth Lido and propose recommendations on its future use   | Lead Officer   |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Recommendations agreed to put forward to Cabinet.</i>  |  |
| <b>Meeting Date: 23 February 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 –<br><b>ACCEPTED</b> |
|                                       | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained an insight into progress made against the Action Plan</i>   |  |

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| Update on Wingerworth Lido  | To update the Committee on the recommendations submitted to Cabinet  | Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair   |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Informed of Cabinet's decision and that work was now underway to try and reinstate a temporary license. ACTION: Officer update on progress to come back to July 2026 meeting</i> |  |
| Fly Tipping—Additional Information  | To receive additional statistical data following last meeting  | Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer  |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Additional information provided but further information required on level of fines at neighbouring authorities and the implementation of tiered approach</i>                     |  |
| Update on Waste Reforms—<br><b>DEFERRED AS "ALL MEMBER" BRIEFINGS HAVE JUST TAKEN PLACE</b> | Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council   | Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene                                   |
|   | <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>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  |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |
|   | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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   |

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|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>  |   |
| Work Programme   | <del>To consider the Committees' work programme</del>  | <del>Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer</del>  |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>   |   |
| <b>Meeting Date: 11 May 2026</b>                       |  |   |
| Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)                      | Overview of the Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)  | Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance & Assets / Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities / Adam Horrocks, Sustainable Energy Services / Matt Evans, Sustainable Energy Services -<br><b>ACCEPTED</b> |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the WH Grants, and how the Council are rolling out the funding</i>  |   |
| Tree Strategy – <b>DEFERRED FROM FEB AS REQ. BY JF</b> | Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation  | Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator –<br><b>ACCEPTED</b>  |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the strategy and how this impacts the Council</i>  |   |
| Performance Management                                 | Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4  | 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>   |   |
| Cabinet Business                                       | Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan   | Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer   |
|  | <b>Outcomes:</b> <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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| Policy Development | To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council  | Lead Officer                        |
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|                    | <b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>   |                                     |

## **NOTES**

- Biodiversity Improvement Plan
- Update on Waste Reforms
- Biodiversity Net Gain Update / Call for Sites Update
- Wingerworth Lido – Update from Officers (July 2026)?
- Wingerworth Lido – Biodiversity Improvement Plan
- Procurement – Social Value/Sustainability

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

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan