



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

*at the Council Offices, Farnborough on
Thursday, 17th September, 2026 at 7.00 pm*

To:

Cllr Halleh Koohestani (Chair)
Cllr Kevin Betsworth (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Steve Harden (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr Uttar Gurung
Cllr G.B Lyon
Cllr Sally McGuinness
Cllr Bill O'Donovan
Cllr Mike Roberts
Cllr Nicky Slater
Cllr Becky Williams

Standing Deputy

Cllr C.W. Card
Cllr Leola Card
Cllr Lisa Greenway

Cllr Sharon Harvey
Cllr Mara Makunura

Cllr Steve Masterson
Cllr Rob Matthews
Cllr Sarah Spall

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A G E N D A

1. APPOINTMENTS 2026-27 –

(1) To note the Appointment of Cllr Becky Williams as a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Cllr Sarah Spall for the remainder of the 2026/27 Municipal Year. The appointment has been made by the Leader of the Council in accordance with Standing Orders and arrangements to secure political balance.

(2) To note the Appointment of Cllr Sarah Spall as a Standing Deputy of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to fill the Labour Group vacancy for the remainder of the 2026/27 Municipal Year. The appointment has been made by the Leader of the Council in accordance with Standing Orders and arrangements to secure political balance.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July, 2026 (copy attached).

3. POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – (Pages 7 - 20)

To receive an update from Chief Inspector Alex Reading, Hampshire Police, and David Lipscombe, Community Safety Manager, on current issues across the Borough, positive news stories and challenges within the policing and community safety sector. A copy of the Community Safety presentation is attached for reference, and the Policing presentation will be shared in due course.

The Portfolio Holder for Pride in Place and Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Christine Guinness, has been invited to attend the meeting.

4. WORK PLAN – (Pages 21 - 26)

To consider the Work Plan for the 2026/27 Municipal Year (copy attached).

MEETING REPRESENTATION

Members of the public may ask to speak at the meeting on any of the items on the agenda by writing to the Committee Administrator at the Council Offices, Farnborough by 5.00 pm two working days prior to the meeting.

Applications for items to be considered for the next meeting must be received in writing to the Committee Administrator fifteen working days prior to the meeting.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Monday, 13th July, 2026 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr Halleh Koohestani (Chair)
Cllr Kevin Betsworth (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Steve Harden (Vice-Chair)

Cllr A. Adeola
Cllr G.B Lyon
Cllr Sally McGuinness
Cllr Bill O'Donovan
Cllr Mike Roberts

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Uttar Gurung, Cllr Nicky Slater and Cllr Sarah Spall

7. APPOINTMENTS 2026-27

The Committee **NOTED** the following appointments:

- (1) Cllr S.J. Masterson as a Standing Deputy of the Committee in place of Cllr M.J. Tennant for the remainder of the 2026/27 Municipal Year,
- (2) Cllrs P.J. Cullum and Steve Masterson as Members of the Council Tax Support Group, and
- (3) Cllrs Steve Harden, Steve Masterson and Nicky Slater as Members of the Housing Oversight Group.

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee were provided with an amended version of the minutes, which included the names of the Officers and Portfolio Holder who were present at the meeting of the Committee on 11th June, 2026.

The amended minutes, as circulated at the meeting, were agreed as a correct record.

9. CLIMATE CHANGE

The Committee welcomed Emma Lamb, Community and Partnerships Service Manager, Sophie Rogers, Climate Change Officer and Cllr Sophie Porter, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities and Active Lives who were in attendance to provide an update on the progress of the Climate Change Action Plan.

The Committee received a presentation which covered:

- Council's Carbon Footprint – The Committee were informed how the footprint was calculated, through direct emissions (heating and operational fleet), indirect emissions (purchased electricity) and indirect emissions ((supply chain) staff business travel, paper, waste, water and purchased goods).
- Climate Change Impact Assessments – It was noted that these assessments had been developed to help the Council understand, assess and respond to climate impacts and to ensure that environmental considerations were integrated into decision making. The Assessments would be a mandatory element of Cabinet Reporting from August 2026 and aimed to understand and remove negative impacts, reduce the Carbon Footprint and capture positive outcomes. The Assessments would be carried out in a two-part process, a screening tool and a full assessment if required. A training session would be arranged for Members to ensure greater understanding of the Assessments.
- Climate Action Scorecards – It was advised that Climate Emergency UK were an organisation that assessed all UK councils on the actions taken towards net zero. Volunteers marked councils against national data sets, freedom on information data and volunteer research. It was advised that the Council's score had increased by 10% since 2023 and would not be reassessed until after Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
- Community Engagement – The Committee were apprised of the activities involving the local community. These included:
 - The Rushmoor Climate Community – A forum of residents established to engage with the Council on climate, environment and sustainability issues. The aims of the Group were to engage, consult, network and share, create and raise awareness of issues being faced by the Council and the wider community.
 - Rushmoor Eco Festival – An event which last took place in September 2025 at the West End Centre which aimed to promote sustainable living, raise awareness of environmental issues, promote local green spaces and promote local, sustainable and upcycled products. Eighteen stallholders had been present at the event and a programme of events ran throughout the day.
- Young People Engagement – It was noted that this Group, of representatives from each of the Borough's secondary schools and colleges, met monthly, during term times. The aims of the Group were to engage young people in local initiatives, feedback to the Council on climate action, to act as climate ambassadors in their education establishments and develop knowledge and skills. The Group had undertaken a number of activities, including, Climate Myth Busters, Rushmoor COP and a climate debate with students from Wavell School held at the Council Offices.

- Active Travel – It was noted that the Council had received an Active Travel Grant from Hampshire County Council (HCC) which had enabled balance glide and ride sessions and equipment for Reception and Year 1 students at five schools, and the establishment of an after-school cycling club.

The Committee were advised that the Annual Climate Change Action Plan Report was currently being drafted and would be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting in September, 2026.

During discussions on the presentation, Members raised a number of queries, these included:

- How the Council's Climate Change Impact Assessments compared to Hart District and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's? – it was advised that the assessments were reasonably similar but had slightly different policies and assessment criteria. Both Councils were already actively using these assessments as part of their Cabinet reporting.
- A suggestion was made to consider a 20mph speed limit across the Borough to help with pollution and road safety concerns – it was noted that the Council were working with schools on road safety issues and to promote Active Travel. Cllr Porter advised that 20mph speed limits had been on the HCC agenda recently and the matter would be looked at separately.
- In response to a query regarding the methodology used for the Climate Change Scorecards, it was reported that Officers were reasonably content with the methods used, but each Council did things differently making it difficult to compare. The results were published by Climate Emergency UK and could be found at www.climateemergency.uk. It was reported that the average score across all councils was 38% (Rushmoor scored 31%), and the scoring helped identify best practice and took no resource from the Council. At this time, the Council's score had not prevented anything that had been proposed in the Action Plan.

ACTION:

What	By Whom	When
Provide an outline of the assessment criteria for the Climate Change Scorecards	Sophie Rogers, Climate Change Officer	August 2026
Provide information on the governance and finances of Climate Emergency UK who undertake the assessments	Sophie Rogers, Climate Change Officer	August 2026

- In response to a query regarding the Climate Impact Assessments, it was noted that the purpose of the assessments was to establish the different levels of impact and no overall recommendation was currently provided.

ACTION:

What	By Whom	When
Share the screening tools used in the Climate Impact Assessment.	Emma Lamb, Community and Partnerships Service Manager	September 2026
Share examples of best practice showing where high, medium and low impacts had been identified	Emma Lamb, Community and Partnerships Service Manager	December 2026
Arrange a training session on the Climate Impact Assessments for all Members	Emma Lamb, Community and Partnerships Service Manager	September 2026

- Progress with the Action Plan – it was advised that the Council only had one Climate Change Officer therefore not all actions had been delivered as set out in the Plan. Some of the actions involved commitment from other services and some work had started to be embedded in business as usual for services where appropriate.
- Community Engagement – in response to a query regarding the effectiveness of engagement and how it was measured, it was reported that there was no formal feedback at present, but this could be sought going forward.

ACTION:

What	By Whom	When
Consider how feedback could be sought from residents/the community and how this could be used to measure impacts	Sophie Rogers, Climate Change Officer	Ongoing

- Young People Engagement – in response to a query regarding the number of schools currently engaged, it was reported that all of the schools/colleges had been invited to attend, and representatives from four schools and a college meet monthly.
- Environmental and Climate focused groups – in response to a query regarding ensuring the longevity of these groups following LGR, it was noted that the Community and Partnerships Team worked with all groups to look at how they could be sustained now and in the future following LGR.

Some Members proposed that a fund be established, for residents to contribute into, for environmental projects for those groups not willing to apply to the Farnborough Airport Community and Environmental Fund. In response, Officers advised that consideration would need to be given to the governance of such a fund, which may be quite complex.

- **Benefits** – the Committee discussed the benefit, impacts and successes of the actions outline in the Plan. It was felt that all actions had a benefit and there was an individual responsibility on everyone to help reduce the impacts of Climate Change. When asked how the Plan would be achieved, it was noted that LGR had an impact on some actions and others were quite ambitious. Timescales for each action would be reviewed as part of the annual reporting to the Cabinet in September. It was also advised that Members would be updated on progress through the Chief Executives News and/or Member Briefings.

Other issues discussed included, solar panelling, mini forests, re-wilding, grass cutting schedules, screening of the National Emergency Briefing film, an update on the Notice of Motion on the Rights of Rivers and Cove Brook Greenway clearance.

ACTION:

What	By Whom	When
Provide an update on the SERCO Contract renewal.	Ruth Whaymand, Service Manager Environmental Contracts	August 2026
Add SERCO Update to the Committee's Work Plan for 2026/27 for consideration.	David Phillips, OSC Lead Officer	July 2026

The Committee discussed the proposal to create a fund for residents to contribute to community projects and **RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet consider options for residents to contribute voluntary funds for local community projects, which could contribute to both the Climate Change Action Plan and local initiatives.

The Chair thanked Officers and Cllr Porter for their contribution to the meeting.

10. **WORK PLAN**

The current Work Plan was noted, and it was advised that the proposed items for the September meeting would be the Police and Community Safety annual update.

It was also suggested that SERCO should attend a future meeting to provide an update. This would be investigated by officers and a date scheduled when appropriate, following discussion with the Agenda Preparation Group.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

CLLR HALLEH KOOHESTANI (CHAIR)

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Rushmoor Overview and Scrutiny – Community Safety team update

17th September 2026

Pride in Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods

- Work across the council and with partners to expand initiatives to address long-term issues of antisocial behaviour
- *Work with partners to address the underlying issues that contribute to ongoing antisocial behaviour in our borough*
- *Respond to persistent antisocial behaviour by signposting to diversionary activities or agencies and taking appropriate enforcement when needed*
- *Reduce antisocial behaviour in our town centres, by working alongside our partners, leading to improvements to the local town environment*
- *Enforcement activity carried out by Place Protection team*
- *Delivery of annual Think Safe event in partnership with other agencies*
- *Public engagement and awareness events held to promote safety, positive behaviours and community reassurance*

Place Protection Team

- Community Safety (2 x full time officers, 1 x part time analyst, 0.25 x Apprentice)
- Licensing (6 x officers)
- Place Protection Officers (5 x patrolling officers, currently 2 vacancies)
- Maintenance (4 x officers)
- CCTV (via Runnymede)

Community Safety Team

- Statutory requirement for RBC to work in partnership to respond to crime, disorder and ASB under the Crime and Disorder Act
- General enquiries e.g. customers, partner, Councillors
- Co-ordination of cases with partner agencies including meeting coordination, case conferences etc
- Use of early intervention e.g. warning letters, home visits, education, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts
- Formal Tools and Powers for more serious cases e.g. CPN/W, Injunctions, Closures, PSPO
- Antisocial Behaviour Case Review
- Key partner in a range of multi-agency meetings, contributing intelligence, safeguarding insight and risk management for vulnerable individuals
- Management of CCTV service via Runnymede BC

Other key duties

- **Safeguarding lead for the Council** – ensuring training and updates provided to all staff and ensuring staff are completing referrals where required – at least **94** safeguarding referrals completed this year so far (**72 adult, 22 child**)
- **PREVENT duty** – members of Hampshire PREVENT partnership, promoting awareness of PREVENT and sitting on Channel Panel when relevant (**5** so far this year)
- **Serious Violence duty** – part of Hampshire wide Violence Reduction Unit, with H&R partnership group to merge with Basingstoke Serious Violence group in the coming months
- **Domestic Abuse** – coordination of NE Hants Domestic Abuse Forum with HDC and responsible for considering applications for Domestic Homicide Reviews (**2** applications considered so far in 2026, up from **1** in 2025)

Facts and figures for 2026 so far

- Received and triaged **900 (901 last year)** police 101 reports to team inbox, responding directly where appropriate or liaising with relevant partners (e.g. Police, Housing Associations)
- Dealt with **323** direct enquiries to team inbox (up from **161** last year)
- Ongoing monitoring of Rushmoor cameras by Runnymede BC (incident numbers to be updated at meeting)
- **8** x new referrals received from partners for our monthly People meeting in addition to ongoing open cases
- **2** x Community Protection Warnings/Notices issued
- **3** x Acceptable Behaviour Contracts monitored and closed, with a further **1** x recently signed
- **2** x new Domestic Abuse Related Death Review applications considered (**1** meeting criteria, **1** not meeting criteria)
- **1** x completed Domestic Abuse Related Death Review submitted to Home Office for review and approval
- **3** x Antisocial Behaviour Case Review carried out following customer request (up from **1** last year)

Other highlights

- Think Safe year 6 project – held at RBC offices with **932** Year 6 pupils from 15 junior schools attending (up from **840** last year)
- Aldershot High Street Multi-story Car Park cameras replaced
- New Farnborough Town Centre CCTV installation complete (**3** cameras in Queensmead, with **1** camera on Farnborough Road)
- Successful bid to OPCC for mobile CCTV cameras, with trial unit purchased and awaiting deployment
- Continued promotion and uptake of DISC retailer system for reporting incidents and identifying nominals (currently **140** members across Rushmoor)
- Detached youth work with **168** visits carried out in between April 2025 – March 2026 with **112** young people engaged with and advice and support given regarding issues raised.
- Joint partnership cycling and e-scooter awareness campaign in Aldershot Town Centre during August 2026 following complaints focusing on education and encouragement with **8** persons given words of advice for various offences
- Promotion of annual Community Safety Survey with partnership town centre stalls during February
- Promotion of ASB Awareness Week in July with partnership town centre stalls and safety presentation at Samuel Cody and Cody Oaks schools

Case study – neighbour dispute

- Complaints from a resident that their downstairs neighbour is harassing her and her son for what is deemed to be everyday living noise and use of communal areas with accusations of harassment and criminal damage
- Visits carried out to both parties with Police to try and encourage harmonious living and encouraging use of mediation services
- Continued complaints from resident about harassment and escalation to MP about perceived inaction
- Cumulative impact on residents mental health
- Community Safety raised an ASB Case Review on behalf of the resident, to review actions taken by involved agencies, manage expectation and find a way forward
- Review held with action plan in place including resident surveys
- Complaints ongoing with further visit to be carried out with neighbour
- Complex and time-consuming case with no easy solution but on-going engagement and support required to manage potential risk

Case study – Trunk Road

- Multiple reports of fire setting over 4+ days in a wooded area behind residential properties
- Detached youth workers attended the area on their next session
- Young people found on site and identified
- Partnership visits to parents carried out with Police
- Young persons signposted to HIOWFRS fire-setting course and relevant safeguarding carried out
- Contracts cleared rubbish including a den that had been built
- Clear benefit from having a youth outreach function, allowing an out of hours hotspot response which quickly dealt with a potentially dangerous issue

Case Study – Highfield Close

- Reports of young persons accessing a bridge and the railway estate through a hole in the fence
- Community Safety worked with partners including secondary schools, Hampshire Police and Network Rail to raise awareness of the issue
- Network Rail visited and secured the site
- Photos provided by residents allowed identification of young people via the school
- Parent and young people visited, and advice given

Current concerns for community safety team

- Year on year increase in workload and responsibilities including work beyond day-to-day community safety, leading to capacity, resource and resilience issues – RBC also have a smaller CST compared to both HDC and BDBC – recent announcement of a pause on LGR provides further uncertainty
- Increase in referrals for Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews – significant impact on resource and funding
- Mental health/social care issues and partner resourcing to deal with these
- Community cohesion issues including Municipal Gardens and Shiva Temple incidents
- Aldershot town centre youth ASB
- Nuisance vehicle issues including cars and motorbikes
- Youth catapult issues
- Known nominals in Farnborough and Aldershot Town Centres causing ongoing ASB
- Funding for youth outreach sessions is due to run out at the end of September – further funding bids being explored but clear benefit to exploring longer-term options

Community Safety Survey 2026

In total, 806 people completed the survey;
→ 740 online responses
→ 66 paper responses

Who took part



- **47.9% of respondents were under 18s** – boosted by sharing the survey with schools and colleges

Based on population data from the Census in 2021:

- **Farnborough residents – 65.4%** (over-represented)
- **Aldershot residents – 31.4%** (under-represented)
- **Females – 53.1%** (slightly overrepresented)

Raising awareness

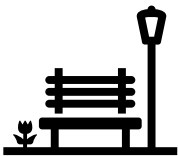


- **Posters** in high visibility spots
- Nepali language **translation** to widen access
- **Face to face engagement** at town centre events
- Supported by **social media** and council news updates



Feelings of safety – Respondents felt safer than in previous surveys - this year shows the highest feelings of safety since the survey began in 2023, supported by a similar uplift in the Residents’ Survey. Feelings of safety dropped at night-time, and under-18s reported feeling safer than older respondents.

What we’re doing to help – Our patrolling officers spent 2,219 hours patrolling Farnborough and Aldershot town centres during 2025, and we have upgraded all CCTV cameras in our towns and parks and installed 4 new cameras in Farnborough Town centre. Our CCTV cameras are monitored 24/7, 365 days a year.



Hotspots identified – Some specific areas and parks were highlighted as places where people felt less safe. At the same time, concerns in parks have decreased across 5 of the 6 main issues* which may reflect the impact of ongoing Outreach work in those locations

What we’re doing to help – Our youth outreach workers visit hotspot areas on a weekly basis to engage and support young people. During 2025 they visited 51 unique locations across 38 sessions. Recent successes (April 2026) include identifying young persons responsible for arson in a local wooded area.

Headlines



You said – Drug use and drug dealing remain prominent themes in the feedback and continue to be raised as key issues across all ages, towns, genders, ethnicities, and health groups.

What we’re doing to help – We work closely with local police, sharing information and intelligence we receive and our patrolling officers and outreach workers carry out high-visibility patrols in key areas to offer reassurance and gather intel. If you witness drug related activity, please report directly to police via 101 or 999 in an emergency. Police have a dedicated team dealing with any significant drug activity in the borough.



Survey response – A number of respondents mentioned concerns about flags being displayed on streetlamps across the borough.

What we’re doing to help – Hampshire County Council are responsible for streetlamps throughout the borough and are not seeking to remove flags at this time unless they constitute a safety issue. If residents have concerns about intimidation or community tensions this can be reported to police via 101.

*people hanging around, drug use, drinking, abusive behaviour, previous bad experience, other

Community Safety Partnership and Partnership Plan

- Rushmoor Borough Council are part of the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hart District Council, Rushmoor Borough Council).
- An annual assessment of crime across the CSP area is carried out by partnership analysts which identifies shared priorities for the CSP to focus on.
- Priorities for the CSP in 2026/27 as identified by Strategic Assessment (new version to be published on RBC website shortly)
 - *Improving feelings of safety and health outcomes within the CSP area*
 - *Serious violence*
 - *Domestic abuse*
 - *Antisocial behaviour*
 - *Town centre engagement*
- Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee due to be held on 23rd September at RBC with member representative from all 3 councils

Contact the team

- David Lipscombe, Community Safety Manager – David.Lipscombe@rushmoor.gov.uk, 07884 734526, Microsoft Teams
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- Web – www.rushmoor.gov.uk/communitysafety

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

SECTION 1 – WORKFLOW 2026/27 (dates of meetings and work allocated to each) [OSC Action Tracker](#)

DATE 2026/27	ITEMS	DELIVERY PLAN PRIORITY
11 June 2026 Report Deadline: 3 June 2026	Housing to cover: • A review of plans to meet Housing targets • Rough Sleeping • Temporary Accommodation • Update on the Housing Oversight Task and Finish Group In attendance: Suzannah Hellicar – Service Manager – Housing, Zoe Paine – Strategy and Enabling Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning (Cllr Keith Dibble)	Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
13 July 2026 Report Deadline: 3 July 2026	Purpose: To give an update on progress of the Climate Change Action Plan over the last year, focussing on key projects such as community engagement, work with young people and the development of the Climate Change Impact Assessments. Sophie Rogers will provide a brief paper and give a presentation on progress focusing on the below:	Community and Wellbeing: Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities

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	Community Engagement: - Eco Festival - Rushmoor Climate Community – Meetings & Monthly Updates Young People - Youth Climate Ambassadors Programme - Climate Debate - Active Travel grant Climate Change Impact Assessments - General Update on status In attendance, Emma Lamb – Community and Partnerships Service Manager, Sophie Rogers – Climate Change Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities (Cllr Sophie Porter)	
17 September 2026 Report Deadline: 9 September 2026	Policing and Community Safety In attendance, Alex Reading (Chief Inspector, Hampshire Police), David Lipscombe (Community Safety Manager, RBC) and Pride in Place and Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr Christine Guinness).	Pride in Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods
21 September 2026 (Special Meeting) Report Deadline 11 September 2026	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of the SERCO Contract Extension In attendance, James Duggin (Chief Operating Officer), Ruth Whaymand (Service Manager Environmental Contracts), Andy Ford (Parks, Play and Open Spaces Manager) and Pride in Place and Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder (Cllr Christine Guinness).	Pride in Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods

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5 November 2026 Report Deadline: 28 October 2026	Skills, Economy and Regeneration Priority Update, with a focus on Town Centres and Local business Support – LM/JH	Skills Economy and Regeneration
10 December 2026 Report Deadline: 2 December 2026	Young People Plan Support for the Armed Forces Community In attendance, Emma Lamb (Community and Partnerships Service Manager), Jamie Beaton (Neighbourhood Development Officer), Jill Shuttleworth (Corporate Manager – Democracy), the Portfolio Holder for Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities (Cllr Sophie Porter) and Armed Forces Champion (Cllr Steve Masterson)	Community and Wellbeing: Active Lives, Healthier and Stronger Communities
21 January 2027 Report Deadline: 13 January 2027		
4 March 2027 Report Deadline: 24 February 2027		

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Potential future items for the Committee – for co-ordination at Programme Management Group

Item	Explanation of the item/ Issue that this is seeking to review or scrutinise
Quarterly Performance Reports	A request from Cllr Gareth Williams to enhance scrutiny effectiveness
Farnborough Exhibition Centre (FEC)	A request from Cllr Leola Card on the contribution to the community by the FEC
Asset Disposal Plan	Request from Bill O'Donovan

SECTION 2 – ISSUE LOG

(recent updates on running topics)

SKILLS ECONOMY AND REGENERATION	
Skills, Economy and Regeneration Priority Update	5 Nov 2026
HOMES FOR ALL: QUALITY LIVING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
Housing Matters	11 June 2026 The Committee received a presentation which covered a review of plans to meet Housing targets, Rough Sleeping, Temporary Accommodation and an update on the Housing Oversight Task and Finish Group.

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COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING: ACTIVE LIVES, HEALTHIER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES	
Climate Change Action Plan	13 July 2026 The Committee received a presentation which covered the Council's Carbon Footprint, Climate Change Impact Assessment, Council Climate Action Scorecards, Community and Young People Engagement, and Active Travel.
Young People Plan	10 Dec 2026
Support for the Armed Forces	10 Dec 2026
PRIDE IN PLACE: CLEAN, SAFE AND VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOODS	
Police and Community Safety	17 Sept 2026
SERCO Contract Extension	21 Sept 2026 – Pre decision scrutiny
THE FUTURE AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	

SECTION 3 – Criteria for selection of items for the work programme drawn from Terms of Reference

The Committee's overall work programme should take account of:

- Whether the proposed work furthers corporate priorities
- The likelihood of something significant or valuable coming from the work
- The importance of the issue for users and the public generally
- Whether there is evidence of user dissatisfaction with the service
- Issues raised through audit or inspections
- Whether there is a high level of budgetary commitment to the service
- Public interest covered in the local media

The general terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out below:

- to develop a work programme, and which is co-ordinated with the work programmes of the Policy and Project Advisory Board, and the Audit and Governance Committee which ensures that the Committee's time is effectively and efficiently utilised;
- to appoint such formal sub-committees and informal task and finish groups as appropriate to deliver its planned work programme and fulfil its overview and scrutiny functions;
- to undertake investigations into such matters relating to the Council's functions and powers as:
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 - may be referred by the Council, Committees, the Cabinet, or the Leader;
 - or the Committee may consider appropriate as part of a co-ordinated work programme; or
 - have been referred to the Committee pursuant to the "call-in" procedure set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution. (These can be decisions taken by the Cabinet, a Cabinet Member, key decisions taken by an officer or under joint arrangements);
- to discuss initiatives put forward for consideration by individual members of the Committee and any relevant 'call-for-action' in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution; and
- to consider petitions referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with provisions set out in the Petition Scheme set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.