## POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN

The purpose of the work plan is to plan, manage and co-ordinate the ongoing activity and progress of the Council's Policy and Project Advisory Board, incorporating policy development work carried out through working groups.

## **AGENDA PLANNING - 2025/2026**

10th June 2025	LGR – approach to public engagement and involvement (KE/AS) Potential future changes to Integrated Care Boards (KE) Pathways to Work consultation (JC/AS)		
22nd July 2025	LGR – options for councillor ratios and warding patterns and engagement update (60 mins duration) Implications of the Supreme Court judgement on the interpretation of the Equality Act (30 mins duration)		
17th September 2025	Community Governance Review – consultation responses Permitting scheme for automated passenger services consultation		
18th November 2025	Council Plan Themes (Community and Wellbeing / Skills Economy and Regeneration)		
20th January 2026	Council Plan Themes (Homes for All / Pride in Place)		
24th March 2026			
Potential items to be considered for 2025/26 and beyond	<ul> <li>LGR</li> <li>Council Plan Theme (Legacy)</li> <li>Equalities Review – PPAB to look at producing an Equalities Policy</li> <li>Events funding post UKSPF – PPAB look at events programme (measures of success, which events to retain) – would need to be November meeting</li> <li>Civil Society Covenant programme – how we support voluntary sector</li> </ul>		

## **PROGRESS GROUP MEETINGS 2025/26**

Current membership: PPAB Chair (Cllr Abe Allen) + Cllrs Lisa Greenway, Steve Masterson, Thomas Mitchell, Ivan Whitmee

Date	Item	Notes
	Council Plan Theme (Legacy)	Cabinet was due to do some visioning on this over summer but this has fallen behind schedule. For this reason, this item cannot go ahead at this point.
	CGR (new item)	KE suggested its replacement by a new item on CGR consultation – which would be going back to Council by 25 <sup>th</sup> September – PPAB to look at consultation responses.
		PG agreed this is an important and relevant item.
		PPAB's role would be to look at what consultation is telling us:
27th August 2025		<ul> <li>Do we understand who has responded?</li> <li>What are respondents saying?</li> <li>What are we going to do with responses in relation to a wider public consultation?</li> <li>Is there enough here to proceed?</li> </ul>
		Karen Edwards or Alex Shiell will present item.
	Permitting scheme for automated passenger services consultation	Government consultation on driverless taxis.
		Pilot to start – not by licensing authority but we are a consultee.
		PPAB will not go through every question but a couple of key questions.

	Do we have any influence? Pilot will happen but what will LA role be?
	Shelley will not present item as she is Lead Officer but one of licensing team will present.
	PPAB feedback to Portfolio Holder to inform her response to the full consultation.
Future items	KE talked to GW and these are possible suggestions for future PPAB work:
	- Equalities Review – PPAB to look at producing an Equalities Policy
	- Funding of Council events post UKSPF – PPAB look at events programme (measures of success, which events to retain) – to affect 2026/7 Programme, item would need to go to November PPAB
	- Civil Society Covenant programme – how we support voluntary sector
	Each item would require work by officers before it could come to PPAB.
	No other changes to work plan proposed pending election of Chair.
AOB	SM – is batch posting by postman a thing in other wards? – CT to pass onto OSC administrator.

	Devolution – effects of community	Not a lot more could be done at the moment – would be quite hypothetical – remove for time being
26th June 2025	Future items	AA to check with GW on items Cabinet would like to look at
		LGR submission placeholder on 22nd July (only if something substantial comes up)
		July meeting – add Implications of the Supreme Court judgement on the interpretation of the Equality Act (45 mins duration to be indicated on agenda)
		LGR consultation in Surrey due early August? Agreed not worth PPAB spending its time on this
		Aldershot town centre strategy and action plan to be added as a potential item during 2025/26
		Move main PPAB meeting in September to 17th
		CGR consultation response (Town Councils) – add to September meeting
		Council Plan theme at each meeting from Sept – March
		Comms Strategy – unlikely to emerge at moment – remove from potentials
		Housing equalities – remove from September meeting
		LGR – add to potential items

	Council Plan – September (Legacy), November (Community and Wellbeing / Skills Economy and Regeneration) and January (Homes to All / Pride in Place)	
	CT to forward to Work Plan to Cabinet and ask for any comments	

Future dates for PPAB Progress Group meetings: 29th October 2025.

## **CURRENT WORKING GROUPS APPOINTED BY THE POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD**

GROUP	MEMBERSHIP 2025/26	CURRENT POSITION	CONTACT
Elections Group	Cabinet Member with responsibility for electoral issues (Cllr Sophie Porter), Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee (Cllr Bill O'Donovan), Chairman or Vice-Chairman of PPAB (Cllr Abe Allen), Cllrs Gaynor Austin, C.W. Card, Steve Harden and G.B. Lyon.	, ,	Jill Shuttleworth Corporate Manager - Democracy jill.shuttleworth@rushmoor.gov.uk  Elections Team 01252 398824 elections@rushmoor.gov.uk