

# POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN

## SECTION 1 – WORKFLOW 2025/26 (dates of meetings and work allocated to each)

DATE	ITEMS	DELIVERY PLAN PRIORITY
10 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	Future and Financial Sustainability Community and Wellbeing Skills, Economy and Regeneration
22 July 2025	LGR – options for councillor ratios and warding patterns and engagement update - KE Implications of the Supreme Court judgement on the interpretation of the Equality Act – AS (deferred)	Future and Financial Sustainability
17 September 2025	Community Governance Review – consultation responses Permitting scheme for automated passenger services consultation	Future and Financial Sustainability Skills, Economy and Regeneration
18 November 2025	Rushmoor Cultural Strategy – review and next steps - LM Review of events programme - PPAB to look at events programme (measures of success, which events to retain) – LM/AS	Community and Wellbeing Community and Wellbeing

Last Updated  
25/11/2025

9 December 2025 <i>(rearranged from 20/1/26)</i>	Feedback on Council Budget 2025/26 - Service Review outcomes – AS/JS  Consider offering free parking for shoppers (Motion from Council) - LM	Future and Financial Sustainability  Skills, Economy and Regeneration
24 March 2026	Cohesion – PPAB to consider a plan	Community and Wellbeing
Potential Future Items for the Committee in 2025/26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>LGR</i></li> <li>2. <i>Equalities Review – PPAB to look at producing an Equalities Policy</i></li> <li>3. <i>Civil Society Covenant programme – how we support voluntary sector</i></li> </ol>	<i>Future and Financial Sustainability</i> <i>Community and Wellbeing</i> <i>Community and Wellbeing</i>

**SECTION 2 – ISSUE LOG**  
(recent updates on running topics)

<b>SKILLS ECONOMY AND REGENERATION</b>	
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
Pathways to Work consultation	Reviewed the Council's response to the consultation at its June 2025 meeting. Board was keen to track progress of this topic.
Consider free car parking for shoppers	Council Motion passed for PPAB to consider possibility of offering free parking in town centres to encourage footfall in shopping areas. To be considered at December 2025 meeting.
<b>HOMES FOR ALL: QUALITY LIVING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
<b>COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING: ACTIVE LIVES, HEALTHIER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES</b>	
Future changes to Integrated Care Boards	In June 2025, the Board discussed potential changes and expected to be involved as firmer proposals unfold.
Review of events programme	In November 2025, the Board considered which events should continue to be funded now that UKSPF funding is coming to an end. Further information to be provided to assist review going forward.

<b>PRIDE IN PLACE: CLEAN, SAFE AND VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOODS</b>	
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
Permitting scheme for automated passenger services consultation	Board requested by Portfolio Holder to consider response to a Government consultation on the introduction of a pilot for driverless taxis. Feedback provided and expected that Board will be involved once pilot has direct effect on Borough.
<b>THE FUTURE AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY</b>	
<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>CURRENT WORK</b>
Local Government Reorganisation	Elements discussed at June and July 2025 meetings and expected to return to PPAB once next stage underway.
Community Governance Review	Discussed at September 2025 meeting and expected to return to PPAB once next stage underway.
Council Delivery Plan and Service Reviews outcome	Board to consider providing feedback to the Cabinet in these areas at its meeting in December (brought forward from date in January).
<b>OTHER</b>	
Equalities Review	Board expecting to look at process for Council to produce and Equalities Policy – likely to be considered in 2026.
Elections Group	Well-established Group that meets regularly for Members to consider pertinent electoral matters.

### **SECTION 3 – Criteria for selection of items for the work programme**

The Panel's work programme to align with the Panel's purpose:

- to provide policy and project support to the Cabinet and Council which helps to deliver Council Plan priorities. This may include consideration of how policies and service provision is framed based on resident need/demand, pressures and constraints, and risks and other strategic factors;
- to undertake research, consultation and reviews for the purpose of advising the Cabinet on the delivery of priorities in the Council Plan (usually through the task and finish groups);
- to assist the Cabinet in reaching decisions on specific issues;
- to assist and advise the Cabinet on budget preparation; and
- to develop and maintain a work programme, in co-ordination with OSC and AGC, which engages with the Cabinet Work Programme and ensures that there is efficient use of time.