

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

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

DATE 2025/26	ITEMS	DELIVERY PLAN PRIORITY
12 June 2025	Registered Providers Annual Report – 2024/25 – ZP	Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
31 July 2025	Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy – ZP/JP	Homes for All: Quality Living, Affordable Housing
4th September 2025 Additional Special Meeting	Local Government Reorganisation – KE/GW	The Future and Financial Sustainability
18th September 2025	Police and Community Safety – JK/DL/GC	Pride In Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods
23rd October 2025	Community Engagement – How we consult with and understand the views of our residents	The Future and Financial Sustainability
11th December 2025	Registered Providers T&F Group – New Terms of Reference and name change – ZP SERCO – Annual Report 2024/25 – RW	Pride In Place: Clean, Safe and Vibrant Neighbourhoods

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ANNEX 2

Report Deadline: 3rd December 2025	Walk this Waste Pilot – feedback on the recent pilot - RW	
5th February 2026 (moved from Jan) Report Deadline: 28 January 2026	Farnborough Leisure Centre – Pre-decision scrutiny	Skills Economy and Regeneration
26th March 2026 Report Deadline: 18 March 2026	<i>Update on Regeneration and Civic Quarter - TBC</i>	Skills Economy and Regeneration

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
Business Support and Economic Development	
Royal Mail postal deliveries	A request had been received from Cllr S.J. Masterson to consider a review of postal services following a number of complaints from his residents regarding the lack of a daily delivery and a trend towards batch delivery once or twice a week.
Digital ID Cards	A request from Cllr G.B. Lyon to look at the impacts of the Governments proposal to introduce Digital ID Cards.

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

SKILLS ECONOMY AND REGENERATION	
Farnborough Leisure Centre	February 2026 - Pre Decision Scrutiny on the development of the Farnborough Leisure Centre prior to it being considered by the Cabinet.
HOMES FOR ALL: QUALITY LIVING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
Registered Providers Task and Finish Group	June 2025 – Committee reviewed work undertaken in the 2024/25 Municipal Year and suggested that the Group consider the Terms of Reference and question the best use of time to achieve strategic discussions with Registered Providers. Consideration would also be given to the makeup of the Group and the option to widen the membership.
Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy	July 2025 – Committee reviewed the Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy to track progress since 2024/25. The progress to date had been noted.

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COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING: ACTIVE LIVES, HEALTHIER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES	
PRIDE IN PLACE: CLEAN, SAFE AND VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOODS	
Police and Community Safety	September 2025 - Meeting with the Police Chief Inspector and the Community Safety Manager to receive an update on police and community safety matters. The Committee receives an update on an annual basis to review current and emerging issues and work undertaken.
Registered Providers T&F Serco Annual Report Walk this Waste Pilot	December 2025 – the meeting will be reviewing the SERCO Annual Report 2024/25. The 2023/24 Annual Report was last reviewed in August 2024 and can be found here . The Committee would also be reviewing the outcomes of the Walk this Waste Pilot and the working arrangements of the Registered Providers T&F Group.
THE FUTURE AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY	
Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)	September 2025 - The Committee's comments regarding the LGR proposals were considered by the Cabinet before approval was given at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 25 September. With regard to local government funding and the suggestion to write to Central Government to highlight the issue, it was noted that the Cabinet would not be taking up this recommendation
Community Engagement	October 2025 – The Committee considered how the Council consulted with and understood the views of our residents.

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.