

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to request that Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all of the Council's priorities.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the report and RESOLVE to agree subjects to be considered for review including those submitted as suggestions for Scrutiny.

3. Detail

Details of the reviews currently suggested on the work programme are within the **Appendix**.

Members may wish to consider new topics using the criteria below for their current programme:

- Issues identified by Members as a key issue for the public
- Issue has a significant local impact
- Significant public dissatisfaction (e.g. through complaints)
- Issue raised by auditors
- New government guidance/legislation
- New evidence provided by external organisation
- Poor performance (e.g. evidence from performance indicators)
- High level budgetary commitment
- Pattern of budgetary overspending.

The work programme for the next meetings are as follows:

27 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the Scrutiny Working Group • Spotlight Review Housing Repairs
26 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotlight Review D.H. Lawrence Museum • Spotlight Review Markets
25 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotlight Review Equality, Inclusivity and Diversity at the Council

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal were as follows:

The terms of reference are set out in the Council's constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable

7. Union Comments

Not applicable

8. Climate Change Implications

This report does not contain any climate change implications.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impact Assessment issues.

10. Background Papers

Nil

1. Topics Agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Topic	Topic suggested by	Link to corporate priorities/values
1.	Child Poverty	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Support people to live well, A good quality home for everyone
2.	Budget Consultation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Corporate Priorities
3.	Building Control	Councillor B C Carr agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to put on hold. Awaiting the outcome of a report to Cabinet.	A good quality home for everyone
4.	Diversity and Inclusion at the Council	Councillor S Dannheimer agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Invest in our towns and our people, Support people to live well, Protect the environment for the future, and a good quality home for everyone
5.	Council Agendas	Councillor T Marsh	Protect the environment for the future
6.	Environment Enforcement Fines	Cabinet	Protect the environment for the future

2. Spotlight Reviews

1.	Housing Repairs Service Review	Six Month Review	January 2025	The Housing aim of a good quality home for everyone
2.	Markets	Six Month Review	June 2025	Invest in our towns and our people
3.	D. H Lawrence Museum	Six Month Review	June 2025	Invest in our towns and our people
4.	Equality Diversity and Inclusion at the Council (Report to Cabinet 3 September 2024)	Six month Review	June 2025	Invest in our towns and our people, Support people to live well, Protect the environment for the future, and a good quality home for everyone