

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Work Programme1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all 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 **Appendix 1**.

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:

26 March 2026	<i>to be confirmed</i>
19 June 2026	• Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Council parks • Equality, Diversity & Inclusion at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum
24 September 2026	<i>to be confirmed</i>
19 November 2026	<i>to be confirmed</i>

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.

Appendix 1

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.

2. Update items

	Title	Length	Expected date	Link to corporate priority
1.	Markets	Six-month update	November 2025	Invest in our towns and our people