Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Work Programme

1. 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 business to be discussed at upcoming meetings are as follows:

18 January 2027	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies • Environmental Enforcement
19 January 2027	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies
TBC February 2027	• Missed Bins Review
25 March 2027	• Consideration of an Annual Scrutiny Work Programme • Trade Waste

4. Financial Implications

   The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

   There are no additional financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

   The comments from the Head of Legal Services 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.

11. Background Papers

    Nil.

Appendix 1

1. Topics agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Topic	Topic suggested by	Link to corporate priorities/values
1.	Budget Consultation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Corporate Priorities.
2.	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.	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion in Council Parks	*Update paper*	June 2026	Invest in our towns and our people
2.	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Heritage Museum	*Update papers*	June 2026	A safe place for everyone; healthy and supported communities
3.	Cemetery memorials	*Update paper*	June 2026	Protect the environment for the future

3. Items referred from Cabinet

	Title	Details	Expected date	Link to corporate priority
1.	Renters Rights Act 2025 - Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy	At its 2 June meeting, Cabinet resolved that '*The Overview & Scrutiny Committee be requested to conduct regular reviews of the progress and implementation of the Policy*.' This is to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 June, and a decision taken on whether it should be scrutinised.	*To be determined*	Invest in our towns and our people