

Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme 2025/26

<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Expected Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>
Scrutiny Protocol.	<p>That the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Corporate Services prepares a draft Scrutiny Protocol to be considered by the Committee.</p> <p>That officers consider the use of Service Business Plans to produce a 12-month plan of forthcoming projects. Min 57, 09.04.25.</p>	22 nd October 2025.	
LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Feedback Report (reported to Cabinet on 9 July 2024).	<p>Request the Chief Executive to provide and report on the Action Plan, with particular focus on Scrutiny.</p> <p>With regard to the LGA Peer Challenge Review, it was agreed to invite the Leader of the Council and relevant Cabinet Member to the meeting. It was also suggested that, when the Review is considered, that ways to develop and improve scrutiny be discussed including looking at other councils seen as providing best practice, with possible site visits to those councils and also ways to embed scrutiny into the Council's culture. Min 59, 09.04.25.</p> <p>Note: The Leader to be invited to attend.</p>	22 nd October 2025.	
Community Safety.	<p>Regular updates to be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting in November 2025. Min 35, 20.11.24.</p> <p>Annual meeting required – please see Constitution, O&S Procedure Rules.</p> <p>That Anti-Social Behaviour in Lancaster City Centre be considered at the annual Community Safety meeting in November 2025. Agreed 2nd July 2025. Min 14, resolution (2).</p> <p>Note: The Cabinet Member with the relevant Portfolio to be invited to attend.</p>	19 th November 2025.	
CCTV.	<p>That the Committee request a report on the City Council's CCTV provision and strategy in Lancaster City Centre, to also to include CCTV provision on the cycle track.</p> <p>Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (4).</p>	19 th November 2025.	
Government Waste Strategy Delivery.	<p>That Overview and Scrutiny considers the implications of the implementation of the Government's waste strategy in their work programme and awaits feedback from the Waste Collection Policy Implementation Group and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny</p>	7 th January 2026.	

	<p>Committee. prior to making appropriate policy recommendations to Cabinet. Min 6, 28.05.25.</p> <p>Min 20, 10.09.25, resolution (4).</p>		
Health and Safety – violence and aggressive behaviour against staff and Councillors.	<p>Safety of staff and Cllrs.</p> <p>Report on stats and how the Council supports people/information from the LGA. An overarching view and not operational. Report to be kept within the Council's Executive functions.</p>	7 th January 2026.	
Derelict Properties in the West End of Morecambe.	<p>Focus on West End of Morecambe. Request Chief Officer – Sustainable Growth to report at a future meeting on his area of responsibility.</p> <p>Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5).</p>	4 th February 2026.	
Arndale Centre in Morecambe.	<p>Concerns about the current state of the Arndale Centre in Morecambe and whether the Council is aware of any plans or discussions regarding its future.</p> <p>Update on Morecambe Master Plan from Chief Officer – Sustainable Growth – consider at the same meeting as West End Regeneration item.</p> <p>Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5).</p>	4 th February 2026.	
Housing Needs.	<p>Is the City Council's Housing Strategy delivering the housing needs of the district?</p> <p>Min 12, 01.08.24.</p>	4 th March 2026.	
Tenants Satisfaction Measures (TSM).	<p>That the action plan for addressing the improvements required and the Complaint Annual Report be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. Min 41, 08.01.25.</p>	4 th March 2026.	
Social Housing Policy and practice.	<p>How sustainable is our current housing policy.</p> <p>Home strategy 2020-2025 – request an update.</p>	4 th March 2026.	
Council Commercial services.	<p>The cafes etc run in house or externally franchised. A comparison of income from similar projects.</p> <p>Understand scale of this and then look at outcomes. Invite Chief Officer – Environment and Place to discuss commercial activities and the policy approach, particularly cafes.</p>	4 th March 2026.	
Remote monitoring of litter bins and route optimisation.	<p>That the Litter Bin monitoring Dashboard be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. Min 44, 08.01.25.</p>	1 st April 2026.	
Update on Fit for the Future.	<p>Update on Fit for Future – Report to a O&SC meeting and invite B&PP. On a 6 month or quarterly basis.</p>	TBC. Information requested by	

	Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5). Min 20, 10.09.25.	this Committee, BPP and scrutiny Chairs to be provided at a Workshop for members of scrutiny, with other members invited to attend.	
Property Asset Working Group - request for information.	That on behalf of the Property Asset Working Group, the Committee request officers to provide the likely market value of buildings, cost to repair buildings and the current usage of buildings in relation to the Stock Condition Survey to the Working Group. Min 59, 09.04.25. Also Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5).	Presentation and information provided on the Stock Condition Survey by the Chief Officer – Housing and Property at the meeting of Budget and Performance Panel on 4 th June 2025.	
A review of the role the City Council has in promoting and supporting economic development, both large and small businesses, within the district and its impact. Include Business Support.	The Economic Development Strategy to be considered by the Committee when it was available before it is considered by Cabinet. February 2025. The Committee was advised that the Economic Development Strategy, which was included in the Committee's Work Programme, was currently being drafted. The draft Strategy would be considered by the Committee once it was complete. Min 51, 05.02.25.	TBC.	
Flooding in Lancaster - Lancaster City Surface Water Management Plan.	Request an update from County Council. An update from Lancashire County Council is awaited. Min 54, 07.02.24 and Min 25, 10.09.25.	Letters sent on 18 th July 2025 and 12 th September 2025. Response from Lancashire CC dated 10 th October 2025 is attached.	
Care Commission Quality Assessment (CQC)	Agreed that this would be added to the Committee's Work Programme with representatives from Lancashire County Council invited to report to a future, or additional meeting of the Committee. This would be to inform of the findings of the CQC Assessment and the	TBC. Letter sent to the Executive Director of Adult Services	

	<p>progress already being made, with all other members of Council invited to attend to allow them all to be briefed.</p> <p>Min 25, 10.09.25.</p>	<p>sent on 12th September 2025.</p> <p>Awaiting a response from Lancashire CC.</p>	
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