

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>
Housing Needs.	Is the City Council's Housing Strategy delivering the housing needs of the district? Min 12, 01.08.24.	4 th March 2026.	
Tenants Satisfaction Measures (TSM).	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.	4 th March 2026.	
Social Housing Policy and practice.	How sustainable is our current housing policy. Home strategy 2020-2025 – request an update.	4 th March 2026.	
Pre-decision Scrutiny Protocol.	Report back from the Informal Working Group. Min 50, 21.01.26.	1 st April 2026.	
Derelict Properties in the West End of Morecambe.	Focus on West End of Morecambe. Request Chief Officer – Sustainable Growth to report at a future meeting on his area of responsibility. Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5).	1 st April 2026.	
Arndale Centre in Morecambe.	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. Update on Morecambe Master Plan from Chief Officer – Sustainable Growth – consider at the same meeting as West End Regeneration item. Min 14, 02.07.25, resolution (5).	1 st April 2026.	
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.	1 st April 2026.	
Remote monitoring of litter bins and route optimisation.	That the Litter Bin monitoring Dashboard be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. Min 44, 08.01.25.	1 st April 2026.	
Annual Health Care meeting.	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee establish an annual meeting to discuss healthcare matters in the district and invite	3 rd June 2026.	

	representatives of relevant NHS bodies, including the local Clinical Commissioning Group and local medical practices. This meeting to take place in the next Municipal Year. Min. 20, 16.12.21.		
Community Safety.	Regular updates to be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting in November 2025. Min 35, 20.11.24. Annual meeting required – please see Constitution, O&S Procedure Rules. Note: The Cabinet Member with the relevant Portfolio to be invited to attend.	November 2026.	
Council Commercial services.	The cafes etc run in house or externally franchised. A comparison of income from similar projects. 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.	Tbc.	
Community Resilience and Emergency Planning	The Committee request a report detailing the following :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can Councillors improve resilience within their communities • As community leaders, what is expected of Councillors • What training is required for Councillors – is there a programme of training or information for elected members • What is the role of Councillors • What are the procedures in place if there is an emergency • The outcomes detailed in the Local Government Association’s Guidance on Civil Resilience. Min 56, 21.01.26	Tbc.	
Health and Safety – violence and aggressive behaviour against staff and Councillors.	Safety of staff and Cllrs. 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.	Tbc.	
Government Waste Strategy.	Update to be provided at appropriate time. Min 51, 21.01.26.	Tbc.	
	It was further agreed to invite the Executive Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing to a		

Village Agents – Lancashire County Council	future meeting to discuss Village Agents that had been introduced within Lancashire. Min 66, 04.02.26		
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Task Groups/Working Groups

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Neighbourhood Management Informal Task Group.	Scoping agreed and Informal Task Group established. Min 46, 08.01.25.	Ongoing.
Pre-decision Scrutiny Protocol Informal Working Group.	Informal Working Group established Min 50, 21.01.26. Expectation to report back by March 2026.	Meeting arranged.