

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMMES 2023-24

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will consider their work programmes at the first meeting in the new Municipal Year.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023-24 WORK PROGRAMME

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
16 January 2024	Leader & Chief Executive	To consider an update on challenges/opportunities from the Leader and Chief Executive	Committee Request	Susan Parsonage
	Thames Water	Follow-up discussions following attendance at June 2023 meeting	Committee request	Neil Carr
	Q2 Performance Management	To consider the Q2 Performance Monitoring report	Regular item	Will Roper
	Air Quality	To scrutinise progress against the Council's Air Quality improvement targets	Committee Request	Narinder Brar
	O&S Work Programmes 2024/25	To start discussions on the work programmes for 2024/25	Committee Request	Neil Carr
	Executive Forward Programme	To consider the Executive and IEMD Forward Programmes and identify any issues for Scrutiny	Regular Update	Neil Carr
	O&S Work Programmes 23/24	To consider the work programmes for the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees	Work Programme	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Regular Update	Neil Carr

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6 February 2024	Equality Plan	To scrutinise the annual update of the Council's Equality Plan	Regular Update	Emily Higson
	Tackling Poverty Strategy	To scrutinise progress against the Council's Tackling Poverty Strategy	Committee Request	Emily Higson
	WBC Recruitment and Retention	To consider the Council's policies and training/development provisions aimed at recruiting and retaining high quality staff	Committee Request	Louise Livingston
	Sports Pitch Strategy	To scrutinise the draft Borough-wide Sports Pitch Strategy	Committee Request	Andy Glencross
	O&S Committees Annual Reports	To consider the draft O&S Annual Reports prior to submission to Council	Standing Item	Neil Carr
	Executive Forward Programme	To consider the Executive and IEMD Forward Programmes and identify any issues for Scrutiny	Regular Update	Neil Carr
	O&S Work Programmes 23/24	To consider the work programmes for the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees	Work Programme	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Regular Update	Neil Carr

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6 March 2024	O&S Work Programmes	To confirm the O&S Work Programmes for 2024/25	Annual item	Neil Carr
	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	To consider the Council's support for refugees and asylum seekers	Committee Request	Rhian Hayes
	Economic Development Strategy	To consider progress against the Council's Economic Development Strategy	Committee Request	Rhian Hayes
	Q3 2023/24 Performance Management	To consider the Q3 Performance Monitoring report	Regular item	Will Roper
	SSEN	To scrutinise the services provided by Scottish & Sothern Electricity Networks	Committee Request	Neil Carr
	Executive Forward Programme	To consider the Executive and IEMD Forward Programmes and identify any issues for Scrutiny	Regular Update	Neil Carr
	O&S Work Programmes 23/24	To consider the work programmes for the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees	Work Programme	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Regular Update	Neil Carr

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2023/24 WORK PROGRAMME

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER / CONTACT OFFICER
8 January 2024	Executive Member Update	To receive an update from the Executive Member for Children's Services.	Standing item	Prue Bray
	Schools Update	To monitor schools' performance.	Standing item	Children's Services / Ming
	Safety Valve Update	To monitor the development and progress of the programme.	Standing item	Children's Services/ Ming Zhang
	To Review the Post Ofsted Improvement Plan	To monitor the progress of the improvement plan.	Challenge item	Children's Services / Helen Watson
	Schools Causing Concern – Part 2	To consider the work being undertaken to support schools causing concern in a part 2 session	Standing item	Children's Services/ Ming Zhang
	CSO&S Forward Plan	To consider the forward plan of the Committee	Standing item	Democratic Services/ Luciane Bowker

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20 March 2024	Safety Valve Update	To monitor the development and progress of the programme.	Standing item	Children's Services/ Ming Zhang
	Schools Update	To monitor schools' performance.	Standing item	Children's Services / Ming
	Executive Member Update	To receive an update from the Executive Member for Children's Services.	Standing item	Prue Bray
	Schools Causing Concern – Part 2	To consider the work being undertaken to support schools causing concern in a part 2 session	Standing item	Children's Services/ Ming Zhang
	CSO&S Forward Plan	To consider the forward plan of the Committee	Standing item	Democratic Services/ Luciane Bowker

CLIMATE EMERGENCY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
11 December 2023	Communications & Engagement Plan	To consider the Communications and Engagement Plan which supports delivery of the CEAP	Committee Request	Rhian Hayes
	Solar Farms	To consider progress relating to the development of solar farms in the Borough in line with the CEAP	Standing Item	David Smith
	Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24 – to be informed by CEAP updates	Standing Item	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Standing Item	Neil Carr

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DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
9 January 2024	CEAP Progress Report	To consider progress against one or more of the CEAP key priority areas for carbon reduction	Committee Request	Rhian Hayes
	Local Plan Update	To consider progress against the CEAP targets relating to the new Local Plan	Committee request	Ian Bellinger
	Solar Farms	To consider progress relating to the development of solar farms in the Borough in line with the CEAP	Standing Item	David Smith
	Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24 – to be informed by CEAP updates	Standing Item	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Standing Item	Neil Carr

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29 February 2024	CEAP Progress Report	To consider progress against one or more of the CEAP key priority areas for carbon reduction	Committee Request	Rhian Hayes
	Solar Farms	To consider progress relating to the development of solar farms in the Borough in line with the CEAP	Standing Item	David Smith
	Work Programme	To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2023/24 – to be informed by CEAP updates	Standing Item	Neil Carr
	Action Tracker	To consider the regular Action Tracker report	Standing Item	Neil Carr

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
14 November 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan	To receive details of proposed bids within the draft MTFP	Work programme	Graham Ebers
	St Crispins Leisure Centre	To consider the outcome of the public consultation and proposals for the future of the leisure centre	Committee Request	Susan Bentley
	Action Tracker	To consider the Committee's action tracker	Standing Item	Callum Wernham
	Work Programme	To consider the work programme for the Committee for 2023-24	Standing Item	Democratic Services

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DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
28 November 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan	To receive details of proposed and updated bids within the draft MTFP	Work programme	Graham Ebers
	Action Tracker	To consider the Committee's action tracker	Standing Item	Callum Wernham
	Work Programme	To consider the work programme for the Committee for 2023-24	Standing Item	Democratic Services

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19 December 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan	To receive details of proposed and updated bids within the draft MTFP	Work programme	Graham Ebers
	Action Tracker	To consider the Committee's action tracker	Standing Item	Callum Wernham
	Work Programme	To consider the work programme for the Committee for 2023-24	Standing Item	Democratic Services

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22 January 2024	Enforcement and Safety Service	To scrutinise the delivery of the Council's enforcement and safety service	Work programme	Narinder Brar
	Local Plan Update	To receive an update on the development of the new Local Plan	Work Programme	Ian Bellinger
	Planning Service	To scrutinise the delivery of the Council's Planning, Strategic Planning and Planning Enforcement services	Committee request	Trevor Saunders
	Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy	To consider an update on the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.	Committee Request	Narinder Brar
	WBC Buildings	To scrutinise arrangements for managing the Council's building assets across the Borough	Committee Request	Sarah Morgan
	Action Tracker	To consider the Committee's action tracker	Standing Item	Callum Wernham
	Work Programme	To consider the work programme for the Committee for 2023-24	Standing Item	Democratic Services

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	CONTACT OFFICER
4 March 2024	Police and Fire Services	To receive an update on the work of the Police and Fire Services	Work programme	Narinder Brar
	Flood Risk Management	To receive the annual update on the Council's delivery of the flood risk management strategy	Work Programme	Boniface Ngu
	Combatting Drugs Partnership	To receive a report on the work of the Combatting Drugs Partnership Delivery Group	Committee Request	Narinder Brar
	Highways and Transport Customer Service	To consider a follow-up on any improvements in communications and resident satisfaction – following the discussion in September 2023	Committee Request	Chris Easton
	Action Tracker	To consider the Committee's action tracker	Standing Item	Callum Wernham
	Work Programme	To consider the work programme for the Committee for 2023-24	Standing Item	Democratic Services

Task & Finish Groups – Active Travel Task and Finish Group

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	ITEMS	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER / CONTACT OFFICER
31 January 2024	WestCall – out of hours GP service	Update	Update	Berkshire NS Foundation Trust
	Autism Strategy	Challenge item	Challenge item	Adult Social Care
	Coroners court	Referral from Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Update	
	Healthwatch update	Challenge item	Challenge item	Healthwatch Wokingham Borough
	ASC KPIs	Challenge item	Challenge item	Matt Pope

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19 March 2024	South Central Ambulance Service	Update	Update	SCAS
	Healthwatch update	Challenge item	Challenge item	Healthwatch Wokingham Borough
	ASC KPIs	Challenge item	Challenge item	Matt Pope

Currently unscheduled topics:

- Maternal mental health – June 2024
- GP access
- communicating different ways of working with the public
- Domiciliary care (including Market Provision Statement)

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