

Draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019-20



Regular items for Committee agendas

Items	Council Plan Priority	Purpose	Lead Officer	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Scrutiny Member
Forward Plan	All Council Plan priorities	To identify any forthcoming items which the Committee may consider	Head of Governance and Regulatory Services	Leader of the Council	Co-Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme Updates	All Council Plan priorities	To provide the Committee with the opportunity to review its' own work plan for the rest of the year	Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships)	Not applicable	Co-Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Task and Finish Group Updates	All Council Plan priorities	To receive progress reports from any Task and Finish Group	Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships)	Not applicable	Chair of individual Task and Finish Groups
Portfolio Holder Updates	All Council Plan priorities	To receive a regular report from individual Portfolio Holders	Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders	Co-Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Agenda items for Committee meetings



Meeting Date	Items	Further Information	Format	Council Plan Theme
Friday 6 Sept 2019 9.30 a.m.	Refresh of the Housing Strategy	The previous Committee considered the initial Housing Strategy. It is now being refreshed. The new Committee is being offered an informal briefing towards the end of August.	Informal briefing; Committee meeting agenda item	Quality places to live & Stronger and healthier communities
		Lead Officer – Head of Place Development Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Stephen Stoddart		
	Planning and development policy and practice	How does the Council’s planning policy and its implementation work in practice? How effective is this Council in balancing the competing demands?	Informal briefing; Committee meeting agenda item; short-term task and finish group	Economic opportunity and growth & Quality places to live
		Lead Officer – Head of Place Development Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald / Councillor Mark Jenkinson		
	Quarterly performance report	Performance reports for the period April-June 2019	Committee meeting agenda item	All Council plan themes
		Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald		
Revised Council Plan	The new Executive is currently formulating its priorities. Each Council Plan is considered by the OSC.	Pre-scrutiny of draft proposals. Committee meeting agenda item	All Council plan themes	
	Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald			
Friday 11 October 2019 9.30 a.m.	Update on the development of the proposed stadium	The previous Committee had held a call in meeting regarding the stadium. The outcome of that meeting was to refer the decision back to the Executive, which decided to refer back to officers for further work to reduce scale	Committee meeting agenda item	Stronger and healthier communities & Quality places to live

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		and costs. Lead Officer – Head of Place Development Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Jenkinson		& Economic opportunity and growth
	Climate emergency and related issues	Parliament has declared a climate emergency. Many Councils have followed suit. What is this Council going to do? This review is intended to look at what the Council can do and what it plans to do. This could potentially focus on coastal issues. Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Task and Finish Group	Stronger and healthier communities & Quality places to live
Friday 15 November 2019 9.30 a.m.	New approaches to overall performance management	This is an area of the Council’s monitoring processes which concerns almost every aspect of its operations and services. The performance management framework is being redeveloped. OSC will have a role in that process. OSC have a role in the overview of performance across the organisation and how well priorities are being met. Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Committee meeting agenda item	Transforming the Council
	Governance of the Council's role as a corporate charity trustee	To consider how the Council approaches governance of this distinct role, and how it reports on its charity trustee functions. Lead Officer – Head of Governance and Regulatory Services Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor John Cook	Committee meeting agenda item	Transforming the Council
Friday 13	Leisure Strategy	The current Leisure Strategy has now reached the end of	Pre-scrutiny work in	Stronger and healthier

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December 2019 9.30 a.m.	development	its timespan and a new strategy is being developed. Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance / Head of Community Services Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor George Kemp	Committee	communities & Quality places to live
	Quarterly performance report	Performance reports for the period July-September 2019 Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	Committee meeting agenda item	All Council plan themes
Friday 17 January 2020 9.30 a.m.	Thriving town centres	A review of projects, initiatives and plans carried out by the Council to support town centres in the context of a nationwide retail sector decline of town centres. As well as looking at what has been done successfully, what can a local authority do to respond to the decline of retail offer in town centres? Lead Officer – Head of Place Development Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Jenkinson	Committee meeting agenda item with report and presentation	Economic opportunity and growth & Quality places to live
Friday 21 February 2020 9.30 a.m.	Development of Reedlands Road units	The previous Committee had received progress reports on the development of new industrial units. Lead Officer – Head of Place Development Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Jenkinson	Committee meeting agenda item	Economic opportunity and growth
		Revenue and capital budget proposals	The Committee has previously followed the budget setting process. The Executive scheduled for 19 February 2020 will consider the draft revenue and capital budget proposals.	Committee meeting agenda item
	Quarterly	Performance reports for the period October-December	Committee meeting	All Council plan

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	performance report	2019 Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Marion Fitzgerald	agenda item	themes
Friday 27 March 2020 9.30 a.m.	Reports from representatives to other scrutiny bodies	There are a number of other scrutiny bodies which the Council is represented on. Other scrutiny bodies to provide update on their work: LEP Police Panel Health Scrutiny	Committee meeting agenda item	Stronger and healthier communities & Quality places to live
	Strategic review of homelessness services and strategy	This needs to be reviewed every five years and is due to be considered by Executive at its next meeting Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Stephen Stoddart	Committee meeting agenda item	Stronger and healthier communities & Quality places to live
	Annual update from the Community Safety Partnership	Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership is written into legislation as a requirement of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Lead Officer – Head of Governance and Regulatory Services Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor John Cook	Committee meeting agenda item	Stronger and healthier communities & Quality places to live
Friday 24 April 2020 9.30 a.m.	Completion of exploration of ESF funded training provision	The previous Committee had received presentations from a number of local training providers together with an overview from Cumbria LEP. Lead Officer – Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance Lead Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Jenkinson	Committee meeting agenda item	Stronger and healthier communities & Economic opportunity and growth

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Items for future programming

	Topic	Further Information	Possible start date
1	Budget task and finish group	To scrutinise the budget setting process and savings proposals.	Autumn 2019
2	Analysis of income and spend by geographic area	The Council Tax base for each area is known and therefore how much it contributes; and the same for the Business Rates base. Discretionary income is known too: council property which generates income is readily identifiable in its location.	Spring / summer 2020
3	Rural issues, particularly considering addressing social exclusion	The issues of social exclusion for those living in rural areas are a concern for a number of organisations both locally and nationally, as well as for local people and local councillors as their representatives. With a number of possible issues to explore, the Committee would need to identify which aspect(s) to focus upon.	Autumn 2019