

FINANCE, ASSETS AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Work Programme 2025/26

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Portfolio Holders within the Committee's remit

Cllr S. Tagg, Leader – One Council, People and Partnerships

Cllr S. Sweeney - Deputy Leader – Finance, Town Centres and Growth

This committee scrutinises how the council, as a whole, performs. It scrutinises how the council develops and implements its various plans and strategies. It scrutinises how the council plans for and uses its finances (including income generation) and other assets including plant and machinery, equipment, vehicles, land and buildings and staff. In scrutinising the council's performance, it will also consider how the council performs alongside the organisations it works in partnership with.

This Work Programme is set and reviewed at quarterly meetings of the Scrutiny Management Group. The Chair and Vice Chair also meet regularly with the Portfolio Holders to discuss this Work Programme. There is an opportunity for committee Members to discuss the Work Programme at each committee meeting. Part D of the Council's [Constitution](#) governs the scrutiny process.

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Planned Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
4 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27- Performance Framework Changes Presentation- Q1 Finance and Performance Report 2025/26- Commercial Strategy update- Civic Pride (Empowering our Communities) Strategy- Town Deal and Future High Street Fund Update	
4 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Q2 Finance and Performance Report 2025/26- Town Deal and Future High Street Fund Update- First Draft Savings Proposals 2026/27	

Previous Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
25 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Asset Management Strategy- Medium Term Financial Strategy 24/25- Q1 Finance and Performance Report- Commercial Strategy Update- Sickness Absence Reporting	
9 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ryecroft Call-in Report	
13 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Q2 Finance and Performance Report- Draft Savings Proposals 24/25- Town Deal and Future High Streets Fund Update- Technology Strategy 2023-2028	

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18 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revenue and Capital Budgets and Strategies 24/25 - Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 24/25 	
14 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q3 Finance and Performance Report 2023/24 - Commercial Strategy Update - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update 	
27 June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q4 Finance and Performance Report 2023/24 - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update 	
18 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 - Q1 Finance and Performance Report 2024/25 - Commercial Strategy Update - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update - Staff Turnover Report 	Requested at FAPS on 27/06/24
5 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q2 Finance and Performance Report 2024/25 - Draft Savings Proposals 2025/26 - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update 	
16 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revenue and Capital Budget and Strategies 2025/26 - Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update - One Council Review and Next Steps 	
27 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q3 Finance and Performance Report 2024/25 - Commercial Strategy Update - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update 	
26 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q4 Finance and Performance Report 2024/25 - Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update 	

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