

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26

Performance and Growth

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
8 th July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Services Agreement Renewal • Regeneration Opportunities • Increasing Affordable Housing – Inspired Solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2024/25 Q4 • Local Plan engagement review
3 rd September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 1) • Financial Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q1 • Planning Enforcement
8 th October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Infrastructure Levy Funding 	
5 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 2) • Financial Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 2) • Treasury Management 6 Month Performance Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q2
3 rd December 2025		

Pending Agenda Items

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendation	Outcome

O&S Topics Identified For Future Meetings

Subject	Brief	Status
Commercial Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop to be arranged for members post budget setting and completion of project work by CIPFA 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Local Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with Parishes and residents – ease of submitting responses 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Market Towns Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learnt following project completion 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Huntingdonshire Evening Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdonshire's Evening Economy - supporting the night-time economy across our District • How HDC currently supports the evening economy across our market towns and rural areas (possibly across financial/business support, safety, growth, •CCTV service, rural rates relief policies), as well as how we can influence our partners to provide further support for this strategic sector (including wider economic support, skills and employment). 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26

Environment, Communities and Partnerships

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
10 th July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Leisure Independent Review Update • Revised Climate Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Leisure Annual Review • The Annual Climate Report
4 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Sufficiency • Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub – RIBA Stage 2 (Private) • Energy Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Grow
14 th October 2025		
6 th November 2025		
4 th December 2025		

Pending Agenda Items

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendation	Outcome
TBA	Paxton Pits Contract Renewal	Send straight to Cabinet	Pending further info from officers

O&S Topics Identified For Future Meetings

Subject	Brief	Status
Community Safety Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider bringing forward a paper to review and understand what Huntingdonshire District Council has done or is currently doing in relation to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). • Given the importance of community safety, I believe it would be beneficial to examine the CSP's activities, outcomes, and any ongoing initiatives to ensure transparency and alignment with local needs, thus improve local understanding. • Is it working, could this be improved? 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Integrated Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative working between HDC and NHS • Reducing inequalities – health, housing, growth 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Hinchingsbrooke Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on redevelopment works • Big organisations making a difference locally, local recruitment • Link to preventative and integrated care 	
Open Spaces in Huntingdonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC owned – HCP, Paxton Pits • Great Fen • Green spaces perspective and how links with the local plan • Access for residents – health lifestyles, mental health, OLAL • Purpose of open spaces, and strategic use of them • Mental Health, Well-being • Wildlife corridors 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Customer Service Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Merits of speed of customer contact versus depth of discussion and customer outcome 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Huntingdonshire's Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and influence of Huntingdonshire • Creating a legacy for the district 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Working Groups

Climate Working Group
Members: Cllrs T D Alban, M Hassall, C Lowe, D Shaw and two vacancies Lead Officer: Neil Sloper
Progress: November 2022: Initial Meetings held to establish Terms of Reference for the group. April 2023: Regular meetings established. Evidence and information gathering to be progressed. Group to be involved in the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Development. January 2024: Meetings held to discuss proposed work plan for the group and to discuss HVO Fuels project November 2024: Meeting to discuss future proposed projects January 2025: Group met to review the HVO draft report prior to its consideration by the Panel Next Steps: Review the membership of the group and increase the membership to 6 Councillors Meetings to be scheduled to allow involvement in proposed works.
Disabled Facilities Grants Group
Members: I P Taylor, B Banks, C Tevlin and C Lowe Lead Officer: Claudia Deeth
Progress: February 2024: Councillors invited to express their interest in being involved with the project. August 2024: initial meeting held and scope of project discussed February 2025: Further meeting held to update the group on the progress of the project Next Steps: DFG team to arrange ongoing schedule of meetings