

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26 - Performance and Growth

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
3 rd December 2025	Market Towns- Ramsy Update	Performance Quality Framework
4 th February 2026	- Final 2026/27 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (2027/28 to 2030/31) including Capital Programme - Treasury Management Capital and Investment Strategies - Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 (Quarter 3)	
4 th March 2026	Community Infrastructure Levy Funding	

Unscheduled Agenda Items

Item	Notes	Progress
Local Plans	Engagement with Parishes and residents – ease of submitting responses	
CIL Strategic Allocation		
Local Development Order for Brampton Cross		
Housing Strategy Refresh		

Decision to implement 2025/26 Parking Fees		
Parking Strategy Refresh		Under development, anticipated for inclusion in the democratic cycle in Spring 2026

O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

Subject	Brief	Status
Huntingdonshire Evening Economy	• 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

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Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
6 th November 2025	- A Sustainable Framework for Play in Huntingdonshire - Council Tax Support 2026/27	
4 th December 2025		

Unscheduled Agenda Items

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Fleet Decarbonisation Project	Report under development following discussion with the Climate working group for initial feedback	Report being finalised prior to scheduling onto the democratic cycle of meetings in the Autumn.
Community Safety Partnerships	- 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	Report being developed ahead of scheduling onto the Agenda.

	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?	
Community Health and Wealth Update	Following the project launch an update on initial feedback and successes will be brought to the Panel.	Report being developed ahead of scheduling onto the Agenda.

O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

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Civil Parking Enforcement Update	• An update on implementation and feedback on progress was requested by Councillor Alban at the July meeting of the Panel	Investigating with Officers an appropriate time to schedule onto the agenda
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	• Update on redevelopment works • Big organisations making a difference locally, local recruitment • Link to preventative and integrated care	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Open Spaces in Huntingdonshire	• 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	• 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	• Culture and influence of Huntingdonshire • Creating a legacy for the district	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
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Working Groups

Climate Working Group	
Members: Cllrs N Hunt, T D Alban, M Hassall, C Lowe, B Pitt and D Shaw Lead Officer: Adjusted to suit the topic, enquiries to B Buddle	
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 August 2025: Group met twice to discuss both the Energy Strategy and the Fleet Decarbonisation Project for initial feedback prior to their inclusion in the democratic cycle of meetings over Autumn 2025 Next Steps: Meetings to be scheduled as required 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	