

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

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
21 st January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Plan Refresh 26/27• Empty Homes Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q3
4 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)• CIL Governance - Phase 2 - Strategic Allocation	
4 th March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Infrastructure Levy Funding• Corporate Plan Update• Housing Strategy Refresh	

Unscheduled Agenda Items

Item	Notes	Progress
Decision to implement 2025/26 Parking Fees	Full Council decision – paper to go to December Council	
Local Plans		

Parking Strategy Refresh		Under development, anticipated for inclusion in the democratic cycle in Spring 2026
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O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

Subject	Brief	Status
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

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Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
22 nd January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fleet Renewal and Infrastructure Improvement Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Wealth Strategy Update
5 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lettings Policy Review• Habitat Banking• One Leisure Independent Review Update	
5 th March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parks and Open Space Commercial Sustainability Plan• Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2025/26	
2 nd April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•	

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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	Report being developed ahead of scheduling onto the Agenda.

	<p>beneficial to examine the CSP's activities, outcomes, and any ongoing initiatives to ensure transparency and alignment with local needs, thus improve local understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it working, could this be improved? 	
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Civil Parking Enforcement Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<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 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