

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2026-27 - Performance and Growth

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
30 th September	Strategic CIL Funding allocation <i>Tom Sanderson- Executive Councillor for Planning.</i>	
4 th November	Corporate Performance Report 2026/27 (Quarter 2) <i>Nathan Hunt -Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance</i>	Commercial Investment Portfolio <i>Jo Harvey- Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources.</i>
2 nd December		Civil Parking Enforcement Update <i>Julie Kerr- Executive Councillor for Parks and Countryside, Waste & Street Scene</i> Places for People <i>Brett Mickelburgh- Executive Councillor Economy, Regeneration & Housing</i>
21 st January	2027/28 Revenue Budget & Medium-Term Financial Strategy, including the Capital Programme <i>Jo Harvey- Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources.</i>	Transformation Update <i>Nathan Hunt - Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance</i>

3 rd March	Strategic CIL Funding Allocation <i>Tom Sanderson- Executive Councillor for Planning.</i> Corporate Performance Report 2026/27 (Quarter 3) <i>Nathan Hunt -Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance</i>	
31 st March		

Future Topics

Item	Focus	Scoping / Progress	Target Meeting Date
Places for People	Relationship between the Council and PfP including any contractual arrangements (inc exclusivity, renewal date etc)	Further scoping requested by Officers and relayed to Members via email 13.08.2026	Dec 2026
	Stock Disposal Programme – scale, impact and HDC influence	<u>Status: In Progress</u>	
	Request for PfP to attend in future to explore questions to put to them.		
	Focus on strategic elements and not casework (which would be inappropriate for Scrutiny and public session).		
	Background / previous consideration of topic		
	Item Format	Presentation/ Report	
	Portfolio Holder/ Responsible Officer	B Mickelburgh - Deputy Executive Leader, Executive Councillor for Economy, Regeneration & Housing P Scott - Head of Economy, Regeneration & Housing Delivery	

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Civil Parking Enforcement	Review of performance of CPE and Operational Delivery to date.	Update scheduled onto All Members Briefing for October 2026 in the first instance. Further scoping of the subject can be undertaken after the All Members Briefing. <u>Status: In progress</u>	All Members Briefing Oct 2026 Dec 2026
	Background / previous consideration of topic	Cabinet 15.04.2025 Civil Parking Enforcement Update Report.pdf	
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Commercial Investment Portfolio	Scrutiny of the Commercial Investment Portfolio. Potential to improve financial performance. Scrutinise current underperformance, including void units and reduced income. Review actions to attract new tenants, particularly for properties outside the HDC area, and consider advice received from letting agents. Assess whether underperforming assets should be retained, with at least a medium-term strategy in place. Confirm that rent reviews are undertaken promptly. Provide information on the condition and EPC ratings of all properties. Review key financial metrics, noting that loan-to-value and interest cover ratios are currently not being met.	Scoping form received from Member. Discussions with relevant Officers underway. <u>Status: In Progress</u>	Nov 2026
	Background / previous consideration of topic	Cabinet 16.09.2025 Report Template for Cabinet / Committee Reports	
	Item Format	Report	

	Portfolio Holder/ Responsible Officer	J Harvey - Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources M Raby- Facilities Manager - Hard Services	

O&S Topics Identified For Further Consideration

Subject	Brief	Status
Corporate Enforcement Policy	Requesting an update on Planning Enforcement – how will this work with the new policies. Requesting an update on Licensing Enforcement	Discussions in place with relevant Officer and consulting with the Chair of Licensing and the Planning Enforcement Team Leader. Have requested further scope from Cllr.
Housing Strategy	• What is the cost to the Taxpayer? • Homes that require adjustments • Complaints in Housing • Noted that HDC has both a Housing Strategy and a Homelessness Strategy in place alongside metrics within the Corporate Plan on this topic. Also noted that HDC does not own Local Authority Housing Stock.	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs to refine the request and no response received. Overview & Scrutiny (P&G) 01.04.2026 Housing Strategy Refresh - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Land to Develop	• Request to invite Capital Centric to present to the Panel • Request to discuss the Blue Light Scheme • Whether there is scope for a Working Group	Discussions with Head of Service. Future Capital & Centric report likely to come through Panel in any event based on future decisions – see July 2025 report. Regeneration Opportunities Report- Huntingdonshire.gov.uk
Community Infrastructure Levy	• What is the broad support for Town and Parish Councils? • Concern that applications are digital and that there is a generational technology barrier to access this • Does CIL favour bigger communities? • Smaller Parishes have less resources to submit applications do they loose out to bigger parishes? • What will happen to CIL reserves with the integration following LGR?	Email circulated to Members with links to previous published papers. Paused pending consideration of forthcoming report on topic.
Procurement	• How is this adding good social value? • Would like to understand how the Council are optimising this. • Understanding from Officers that this is about wider social value and the impact on communities. Also noted that Corporate Governance Committee cover procurement compliance.	Topic passed to Corporate Governance Committee (CGC)

KPIs	• Possibly a change in behaviour • Maybe don't use just averages • Need more performance, satisfactory and customer processes • Possibility of scrutinising best practice • Would like more detail on what causes failures and how to improve • Scope to set up a Working Group to look at the matter. • Suggested consideration of: ○ The wider reporting network of metrics across the public sector ○ The Government's plans for the Local Outcomes Framework and HDC's preparedness for this ○ The approved HDC Performance Management Framework ○ Assessment of metrics that could add value – alongside assessing the work needed to create them and time to value with the LGR timescales	Emails sent to relevant Members to schedule meetings.
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Working Groups

Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Working Group
Members: Cllrs L Ascroft, R Ioannides & R Martin Lead Officer: K Hlalat, enquiries to L Adams
Progress: August 2026: Initial meeting invites sent to Members to establish Terms of Reference for the group. Next Steps: Meetings to be scheduled as required to allow involvement in proposed works.