Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel

DATE 15/07/2025

REPORT OF Statutory Scrutiny Officer

SUBJECT Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing

Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2025/26

STATUS Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects work undertaken by the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel, within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2025/26 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2025/26 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2024/25

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SUMMARY WORK PROGRAMME: Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel 2025/26

15 July 6.30 p.m.	21 July Selective Licensing Scheme 5:30 p.m.	16 September 6.30 p.m.	TBC - September	4 November TBC 6.30 p.m.	13 January 6:30 p.m.	3 March 6.30 p.m.
Scheduled	Joint Communities/ TISH	Scheduled	Joint Communities/TISH	Scheduled	Scheduled	Scheduled
 Council Plan Year End Performance & Provisional Financial Outturn Report Equans Performance Report Response to Government Consultation on reform of planning committees Statement of Community Involvement Transport Hub Consultation Panel Work Programme 2025/26 Corporation Bridge Update (Closed Session) 	Selective Licensing Scheme- Joint work	 Q1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring (inclusive of Equans data) Electric Vehicle Strategy Update Corporation Bridge (Open Session) Review of Subsidised Bus Services (TBC) 	Home Options Project/Social and Affordable Housing Update – Joint work	 Work Programme (Update 2025/26) Q2 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring Traffic Coordination Charter Draft Local Plan(Invite Economy panel members) Corporation Bridge Update (If required) GLMCCA Transport functions 	 Alexandra Dock Update East Marsh Retrofit Scheme Update Corporation Bridge Update (If required) 	 Q3 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring Work programme review Asset Management Plan Update Electrification of Buses Corporation Bridge Update (If required)

Suggestions for 2025/26:

- Home Options project (Carried Forward)- to be considered as part of the Special joint meeting with Communities panel.
- Transport Hub developments.
- Corporation Bridge project
- Local Plan review
- Electrification of buses (Carried Forward)
- Electric Vehicle Strategy progress
- Alexandra Dock Development
- East Marsh Retrofit scheme project.
- Traffic Co-ordination recommendations to cabinet Strategy

Workshops:

- Informal Work Programme Workshop June 2025
- Budget Workshops Jan 2026

Task and Finish Group:

 Affordable and Social Housing – Special joint meeting now with Communities panel – to be arranged potentially 23rd September