

Items for Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee for 2024/25
Chairman: Councillor Graham Lawman
Support / Scrutiny Officer: Carol Mundy
 (Updated: 18/10/2024)

Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Desired Outcome	Relevant Corporate Priority	Executive Member/Lead Officer
27 August 2024						
	Pre-decision scrutiny	New Cemetery Regulations	To consider the type of cemetery regulations to be applied to Shire Lodge extension.	To make recommendations to the Executive	Connected Communities: Respect and engage our diverse communities.	Councillor David Brackenbury (Growth & Regeneration) Iain Smith, Assistant Director Regulatory Services Sam Diamond Trading Standards Manager.
	Pre-decision scrutiny	Extension of Burial Reservation Policy	To consider the management of available burial space across all cemeteries.	To make recommendations to the Executive	Connected Communities: Respect and engage our diverse communities.	Councillor David Brackenbury (Growth & Regeneration) Iain Smith, Assistant Director Regulatory Services Sam Diamond Trading Standards Manager.
	Pre-decision scrutiny	Surplus Asset Disposal	To consider the disposal of council assets.	To make recommendations to Executive	Modern public services: Ensure very robust financial and performance management	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel & Assets) Jonathan Waterworth, Assistant Director Assets & Environment
29 October 2024						
	Pre-decision scrutiny	Highways Inspection Manual and Highways Asset Management Plan	To review the proposed documents before they proceed for approval at Executive.	To receive comments and support from the committee to Executive.	Connected Communities: Respect and engage our diverse communities.	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel & Assets) Graeme Kane, Assistant Director Highways & Waste Phil Beecroft, Head of Highways

17 December 2024						
	Pre-decision scrutiny	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy	To review the proposed policy and consultation comments prior to approval at Executive	To make recommendations to Executive	Active fulfilled lives and better brighter futures.	Councillor Mark Rowley (Housing, Communities & Levelling-up) Iain Smith, Assistant Director Regulatory Services Amy Plank, Interim Private Sector Housing Strategic Lead
	Report	Housing Compliance & Fire Safety Policy	To receive report	To make recommendations	Active fulfilled lives and better brighter futures.	Councillor Mark Rowley (Housing, Communities & Levelling-up) Evonne Coleman-Thomas, Assistant Director Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services.
	Report	Climate Change Strategy	To review proposed documents before approval from Executive	To receive comments and support from the committee	Green Sustainable Environment	Cllr Harriet Pentland (Green Sustainable Environment) Ian Achurch Head of Economic Growth & Sustainability
29 January 2025 (Additional)						
	Report	Licensing – Amended Hire Vehicle Policy	To receive report	For pre-executive scrutiny	To update the policy and scrutinise decision of Licensing & Appeals Committee	Councillor Brackenbury (Growth & Regeneration) Iain Smith, Assistant Director Regulatory Services Amanda Wilcox, Head of Environmental Health

25 February 2025

	Pre-decision scrutiny	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To consider the draft strategy before the Strategy is approved under delegated authority	To make recommendations to Executive	Green Sustainable Environment	Councillor Harriet Pentland (Climate & Green Environment) Jonathan Waterworth, Assistant Director Assets & Environment Liam Faulkner, Head of Environment
	Report	Stock Condition Survey Report	To receive report	To make recommendations	Active fulfilled lives and better brighter futures.	Councillor Mark Rowley (Housing, Communities & Levelling-up) Evonne Coleman-Thomas, Assistant Director Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services.
	Pre-consultation scrutiny	Local cycling and walking improvement plan	To review the proposed LCWIPs before Executive approval.	To all committee to comment and give support before going to Executive	Green Sustainable Environment	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel & Assets) Graeme Kane, Assistant Director Highways & Waste Chris Wragg, Head of Strategic Transport

Items to be scheduled

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TBA	Briefing	Update on traffic enforcement measures introduced last year	Receive report and information	Ensure VFM & performance. Make recommendations	x	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel and Assets) Jonathan Waterworth, Assistant Director Assets & Environment
TBA	Briefing	Unadopted/Adopted Roads	Receive report and information	Ensure VFM & performance. Make recommendations	x	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel & Assets) Graeme Kane, Assistant Director Highways & Waste

Scrutiny Review Panels

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Scrutiny Review Panel	Scrutiny of Asset Rationalisation & Use	To consider a future work programme and membership of the panel, focused on improving the management of the council's assets.	To make recommendations on the rationalisation and use of the council's assets	Modern public services. Ensure very robust financial and performance management	Councillor Matt Binley (Highways, Travel and Assets) Jonathan Waterworth, Assistant Director Assets & Environment

Suggested items from chair's briefing and Scrutiny Management Board meeting of 1 August 2024

- **Update on traffic enforcement measures introduced last year**
- **Stock condition survey report**
- **A report on Chelveston Energy Park**
- **Highways – How are we spending grants / repairs money from government?**
 - **Tree Strategy – Chair required further information via an MBN**

Requested by GL

- **A report on Private Sector Housing and New Regulations – Clarified to refer to Social Housing regulations**
- **Unadopted/Adopted Roads**
 - **Housing Compliance & Fire Safety Policy – Information could be provided via a MBN or post Executive report to December meeting**

Requested by LB