

Scrutiny Commission Work Programme

The following items will be considered as standing items: Capital and Revenue Financial Performance Reports (Quarterly), and Performance Report (Annually)

Last Updated:
15 Nov 2023

Item	Scrutiny Theme	Purpose	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder/ Lead Member	Pre or post decision?
28 November 2023					
Matters arising from the Thames Water and Environment Agency Review	<i>Partnership Effectiveness</i>	To provide an update on activities since the Scrutiny Commission meeting on 11 October.	-	Chair of Scrutiny Commission	Scrutiny Commission Decision
Equalities Diversity and Inclusion Framework	<i>Policy Effectiveness</i>	To review the draft Equalities Diversity and Inclusion Framework	Sarah Clarke / Pamela Voss	Applies to all portfolios	Pre-decision
Recruitment of Foster Carers	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To review the recruitment, remuneration and initiatives that are both taking place and planned with foster carers in West Berkshire	AnnMarie Dodds / Dave Wraight	Children, Education and Young People	Scrutiny Commission Decision
Review of the Newbury Sports Hub Development	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To consider whether the Scrutiny Commission wishes to undertake a review of the Sports Hub Development to identify lessons that could be learned to inform future projects.	-	Chair of Scrutiny Commission	Scrutiny Commission Decision
27 February 2024					
Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2024/25	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To review the Council's management of cash-flow, borrowing and investments in the financial year 2023/24.	Joseph Holmes / Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Finance and Corporate Services	Pre-decision
Medium Term Financial Strategy	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To provide Executive with an overview of the financial planning strategy for 2023-24 and beyond	Joseph Holmes	Finance and Corporate Services	Pre-decision
Capital Strategy 2024-34	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To inform Members of the latest capital financial performance of the Council.	Joseph Holmes / Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Finance and Corporate Services	Pre-decision
Revenue Budget 2024-25	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To inform Members of the latest revenue financial performance of the Council.	Joseph Holmes / Melanie Ellis	Finance and Corporate Services	Pre-decision
21 May 2024					
Environment Strategy - Operational Review	<i>Policy Effectiveness</i>	To review progress in implementing the Council's Environment Strategy Delivery Plan	Jon Winstanley / Jenny Graham	Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity	Scrutiny Commission Decision
Waste Strategy	<i>Policy Effectiveness</i>	To review the development of the Waste Strategy	Jon Winstanley / Kofi Adu-Gyamfi	Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity	Pre-decision

	Libraries Service	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To review the performance of the Libraries Service and its funding model.	April Peberdy / Felicity Harrison	Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside	Scrutiny Commission Decision
	Covid and Recovery Task Group Report	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To present the Task Group's report	Gordon Oliver	Task Group Chairman	Scrutiny Commission Decision
Standing Items						
	Quarterly Capital Financial Performance Report	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	Reports on the under or over spends against the Council's approved capital budget.	Joseph Holmes / Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Finance and Economic Development	Pre-decision
	Quarterly Revenue Financial Performance Report	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets.	Joseph Holmes / Melanie Ellis	Finance and Economic Development	Pre-decision
	Performance Report (Annual)	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To provide assurance that the core business and council priorities for improvement measures in the Council Strategy 2019-23 are being managed effectively. To highlight successes and where performance has fallen below the expected level, present information on remedial action taken, and the impact of that action	Joseph Holmes / Catalin Bogos	Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships	Pre-decision

Council Strategy Priorities

- Services We Are Proud Of
- A Fairer West Berkshire with Opportunities for All
- Tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency
- A Prosperous and Resilient West Berkshire
- Thriving Communities with a Strong Local Voice
- Crime and Disorder Committee