

Resources & Place Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Item	Scrutiny Theme	Purpose	Lead Officer	Portfolio Holder/ Lead Member	Pre or post decision?
10 February 2026 (Budget Scrutiny)					
Medium Term Financial Strategy	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To set out the financial planning assumptions for future years and how these align these with the Council Strategy to ensure that the Council Strategy will be delivered. The MTFs highlights the overarching key issues facing the Council's finances as well as how there are many different scenarios and uncertainty concerning the future revenue streams for the Council in the future.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2025/26	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To consolidate the investments and borrowing strategy for the year ahead by detailing how and where the Council will invest and borrow in the forthcoming year, within a particular framework. This strategy is monitored throughout the year, with a mid-year report going to the Government and Ethics Committee as well as an annual report being presented to Members.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Capital Strategy. Financial Years 2025/26 to 2034/35	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To outline the Capital Strategy covering financial years 2025/26 to 2034/35 and the supporting funding framework, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Revenue Budget 2025/26	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To review the budget proposals for the year ahead that form the basis of the 2024-25 revenue budget and detail the respective Council Tax proposals and resolutions.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Revenue Performance Report Q3 2023/24	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Capital Financing Performance Report Q3 2023/24	<i>Corporate Effectiveness</i>	Reports on the under or over spends against the Council's approved capital budget.	Shannon Coleman-Slaughter	Cllr Iain Cottingham (Finance and Resources)	Pre-decision
Review of Transformation Programme			Gabrielle Mancini	Cllr Vicky Poole (Transformation and Corporate Programme)	

17 March 2026						
	Pedestrianisation					
	Waste Strategy					
To Be Programmed						
	Thames Water and The Environment Agency	<i>Partnership Effectiveness</i>	To understand how Thames Water is investing in its networks to support planned development and manage pollution incidents in West Berkshire and how the Environment Agency is holding the water company to account.	TBC	N/A	Scrutiny Committee Decision
	Playing Pitch Strategy					

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

Scrutiny Themes

- Policy Effectiveness
- Corporate Effectiveness
- Partnership Effectiveness

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