

Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24 – 2024/25

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Suggested by	Directorate	Comments
Business & Finance				
Cost of Living	To consider the cost of living strategy and the impact the crisis is having on residents and business in the Borough	Carried forward from previous year	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Committee Agenda Item June 2023
LEP – Annual Update	To receive an annual update from the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership.	Standing item	External - Marches LEP	Committee Agenda Item Date to be determined
Medium Term Financial Strategy (Budget)	Consultation on draft budget & policy framework proposals published by the Leader and any alternative proposals developed by opposition groups.	Constitutional function	Finance & Human Resources	Committee Agenda Item January 2024
Pride in Your High Street	Reviewing post-Covid recovery and the impact of High Street improvement works and the Pride in Our High Street scheme.	Carried forward from previous year	Prosperity & Investment	Workshop Date to be determined
Housing Investment - Annual Update	To review and consider proposals for the Housing Investment Programme, including key achievements over the last year and the	Standing item	Prosperity & Investment	Committee Agenda Item Date to be determined

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	progress of the delivery of the programme.			
Commercial Contract Update	To receive an annual update on the Council's commercial contracts, including waste & recycling and grounds & cleansing.	Standing item	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Committee Agenda Item Date to be determined
Land Deal and NuPlace Update	To receive regular updates in relation to the Telford Land Deal and Nuplace, the Council's wholly owned quality lettings company.	Standing Item	Prosperity & Investment	Committee Agenda Item Date to be determined
Telford & Wrekin's approach to devolution following the Government Announcement on the future of LEPs	To consider Telford & Wrekin's approach to devolution following the Government's recent announcement on the abolishment of LEPs	New – Cabinet	Multiple	Committee Agenda Item Date to be determined
Corporate Grants	To consider the Council's corporate grants, does every pound the Council invests go to the front line	New – Cabinet	Finance & Human Resources Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Task and Finish Group Date to be determined
Communities				
Fly Tipping	To assess the fly tipping situation in the Borough, including measures taken to	Carried over from previous year	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Task and Finish Group Initial scoping work began in 2022/23

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	combat the issue, public feedback, and reporting			
Equality and Diversity Strategy	Review on the Council's equality and diversity strategy following the report being considered at Cabinet	New – SMT	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Task and Finish Group Late 2023/ Early 2024
Social Value in Contracts	Review of the Social Value in Contracts scheme and consideration of the development of a social value impact fund and if this would be beneficial for the community	New – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	Task and Finish Group Early to mid 2024
Elections Review	Review of the count process to capture best practice and the impact of legislative changes on voters, particularly those changes requiring voters to provide ID	New – SMT	Policy & Governance	Task and Finish Group 2023
Environment				
River Sewage	Review of the current river sewage position	NEW – Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Committee Agenda Item November 2023
Shropshire Good Food – 12 month review	Update on the Shropshire Good Food Project following the presentation to	Standing Item	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Committee Agenda Item April 2024

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	Members in the previous year			
Climate Change and Plastic Free Telford & Wrekin	Annual Update on the Council's Climate Change agenda	Standing Item	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Committee Agenda Item April 2024
Biodiversity Net Gain	Review of the biodiversity net gain strategy following changes in legislation	New – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	Task and Finish Group New legislation must be in place before this review can take place, expected 2024
Corporate Catering	To review the role in net zero of the Council's Corporate Catering function, particularly in relation to procurement	New – SMT	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Task and Finish Group June 2023
Health & Adult Social Care				
Primary Care Access	Review into how patients access primary care across the Borough	Continuation of previous years work	External	Task and Finish Group Ongoing – continuation from interim report July 2023
Funding of Adult Social Care	Review into the funding of Adult Social Care as one of the largest portions of the Council's budget and rising demand across the service	New – SMT	Adult Social Care	Task and Finish Group July 2023
Working with the Community	Review of how the adult social care services work with our local community and if there	New – SMT	Adult Social Care	Committee Agenda Item To be determined

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	are any changes that could be made			
Virtual Wards	Members requested information around virtual wards, particularly in relation to funding arrangements	New – Committee	Adult Social Care & External	Committee Agenda Item October 2023
Children & Young People				
Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	Annual review of Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	Constitutional function	Policy & Governance/ Safeguarding	Committee Agenda Item July 2023
Education Attainment and Outcomes	Annual review of education attainment and outcomes	Constitutional function	Children's Services	Committee Agenda Item October / December 2023
School Streets	Update following previous Scrutiny Review	Update from previous years	Education & Skills	Committee Agenda Item, following on from previous Task and Finish Group October / December 2023
Care Leavers Offer	Review of the current care leavers offer and how this compares locally and nationally and if there can be any improvements to the current offer	New – SMT	Children's Services	Task and Finish Group Late 2023/ Early 2024
Recruitment in Fostering	Review into the current offer provided for foster carers and how this	New – SMT	Children's Services	Task and Finish Group Late 2023/ Early 2024

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	compares locally and nationally			
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Yellow highlighted suggestions are new suggestions for this year.