

Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26 – 2026/27

Business & Finance					
Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Suggested by	Directorate	Timeframe	Comments
Financial Monitoring	Receive an update on the Council's Financial Monitoring position for 2025/26.	SMT	Finance, IDT & People	September 2025	Committee Agenda Item To be repeated each year and become a standing item in the late autumn/early Winter.
Growth Fund	Review the Council's property investment portfolio, how it has supported with economic development and highlight areas of improvement.	NEW – Members	Prosperity & Investment	November 2025	Committee Agenda Item
Housing Investment Programme - Annual Update (Nuplace)	Review and consider proposals for the Housing Investment Programme, including key achievements over the last year and the progress of the delivery of the programme.	Standing Item	Prosperity & Investment	June 2025	Committee Agenda Item Site Visit to be scheduled to coincide with update at meeting.

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Leisure Services	To undertake a review of the leisure service offer to better understand how to ensure the Council offer continues to remain responsive to resident need and is operated efficiently and effectively.	NEW – Members	Prosperity & Investment Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Late 2025/26 or early 2026/27	Workshop
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, IDT & People	January 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Pride in Our High Street	Review the impact of the Pride in Our High Street programme and how the scheme has supported local businesses/traders.	Carried forward from previous year	Prosperity & Investment	2026/27	Committee Agenda Item Carried forward from 2024/25

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Telford Land Deal	Receive regular updates in relation to the Telford Land Deal.	Standing Item	Prosperity & Investment	March 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Wellington Market Regeneration	Review the Council's investment into the regeneration of Wellington Market focusing on the support provided to businesses/traders and the wider economic impact on the town.	NEW – Members	Prosperity & Investment	2026/27	Committee Agenda Item

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Children & Young People					
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Children's Services Ofsted Inspection Action Plan	Monitor the progress of the action plan following the Ofsted inspection of Children's Services.	NEW – SMT	Children's Services	October 2025	Committee Agenda Item
Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill	Receive a briefing on the new Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill outlining the reforms to Children's Social Care and the Families First Partnership Programme.	NEW – SMT	Children's Services Education & Skills	July 2025	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop
Children & Young People's Strategy 2025 – 2028	Receive a briefing on the Children & Young People Strategy 2025 – 2028, outlining key priorities, initiatives, and expected outcomes.	NEW – Members	Children's Services Education & Skills Public Health	July 2025	Committee Agenda Item

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Education Attainment and Outcomes	Annual review of education attainment and outcomes for schools in the Borough.	Constitutional Function	Education & Skills	February 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Elective Home Education	Monitor the Council's statutory duty in relation to Elective Home Education.	Previously by SMT – request to be brought back by Committee	Education & Skills	2026/27	Committee Agenda Item
SEND	Monitor the Council's provision for SEND including identification, placements and funding.	Previously by Committee – request to be kept on programme by Chair	Education & Skills	TBC	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop Site visit to be scheduled for SEND specialist hubs following request from Committee.

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Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report	Receive the Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board report for the 2024/25 financial year.	Constitutional Function	Policy & Governance Safeguarding	February 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Youth Support	Review of the Council's youth offer including the funding available to support youth activities such as youth clubs, education, training and employment.	NEW – Members	Education & Skills	October 2025	Committee Agenda Item

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Communities					
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Community Action Team Programme (CAT)	Review the effectiveness of the Community Action Team Programme including accessibility and funding.	NEW – Parish & Town Councils	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	February 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Domestic Abuse Strategy – Violence Against Women & Girls	Provide an update on the Domestic Abuse Strategy to encompass the Violence Against Women & Girls prevention agenda and proposed actions.	NEW – SMT	Public Health	October 2025	Committee Agenda Item
Littering Strategy	Review of the measures taken by the Council to reduce the amount of litter in the Borough including processes for street cleansing and prevention.	NEW – Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	2026/27	Committee Agenda Item / Task and Finish Group Cross-cutting to include members from Environment Scrutiny.

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Social Value in Contracts	Review of the Social Value in Contracts scheme, with a focus on corporate social responsibility, and consideration of the development of a social value impact fund to assess its potential benefits for the community.	Carried forward from previous year	Policy & Governance	2026/27	Workshop Carried forward from 2024/25
Telford & Wrekin Skills Strategy	Monitor the effectiveness of the strategy against the five key principles and its impact on improving skill levels.	NEW – Members	Education & Skills	February 2026	Committee Agenda Item Cross-cutting to include members from CYP Scrutiny.
Traffic Regulation Orders	Review the process undertaken for the management and implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders including the legislative processes.	NEW – Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services Policy & Governance	July 2025	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop

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Environment					
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Climate Change and Adaptation	Annual Update on the Council's Climate Change agenda.	Standing Item	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	April 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/26	Review how the Council identifies and manages contaminated land sites in the Borough.	NEW – SMT	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	October 2025	Committee Agenda Item There is a request from the Committee for updates to come back on Landfill management and also a visit to operational and non-operational sites.
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Receive an update on the Telford and Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	NEW – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	July 2025	Committee Agenda Item

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Shropshire Good Food – 12 month review	Update on the Shropshire Good Food Project.	Standing Item	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	March 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Surface Water Flooding Strategy	Assess the risks and causes of surface water flooding in the Borough, review current mitigation measures and review how well agencies worked together to address issues.	NEW – Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement External	TBC	Task & Finish Group Cross-cutting to include members from Communities Scrutiny.

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Health & Adult Social Care					
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Adult Social Care CQC Action Plan	Monitor the progress of the action plan following the CQC assessment into Adult Social Care services.	NEW – SMT/Committee	Adult Social Care	October 2025	Committee Agenda Item Item suggested following 6 March formal meeting which received update on outcomes of assessment.
Dentistry	Receive an update on patient access to dental services in Telford and Wrekin.	Carried forward from previous year	Public Health	TBC	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop Carried forward from 2024/25
Mental Health	Review into provisions for mental health support for adults and children within Telford and Wrekin.	Continuation of previous years' work	Adult Social Care Public Health External	Ongoing	Committee Agenda Item/Workshop First workshop held on 1 April. Cross-cutting to include members from CYP Scrutiny.

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NHS 10 Year Plan	Receive an update on the proposals for the NHS 10 year plan and its impact on improving healthcare outcomes for residents.	NEW – SMT	Public Health External	March 2026	Committee Agenda Item
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