

Environment Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments
2 July 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Terms of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the terms of reference for the 2025/26 municipal year.				
Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 19 June 2025.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the updated work programme for the 2025/26 municipal year.				
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	For the Committee to receive an update on the Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Prosperity & Investment	All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.  Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.  A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes: Members received a presentation on the Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy which included an overview of the Council’s role as the supporting authority as defined by the Environment Act 2021. Members				



	<p>received an update on the progress that had been made surrounding the development of the draft Strategy and completed actions since an update was last presented to the Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2025. Members requested that a further update be presented to Committee following the consultation period due to take place at the end of the year, before the formal adoption of the Strategy.</p>
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22 October 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/26	For the Committee to review how the Council identifies and manages contaminated land sites in the Borough.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
<p>Outcomes: Members were presented with the first draft of the Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/25 which provided an overview of the Council’s approach to managing land contamination under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Members noted that at the time of the meeting, there were no sites in Telford and Wrekin classified as contaminated and discussed the shift towards managing risks through planning and voluntary remediation rather than proactive inspection. The Committee heard that the strategy would be finalised ready for formal adoption by Cabinet in early 2026 and Council Officers would continue to maintain the public register of sites to ensure compliance with statutory guidance.</p>					

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4 March 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Shropshire Good Food – 12 month Review	For the Committee to receive an annual update on the Shropshire Good Food Project.	Housing, Commercial and Customer Services	<p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
Outcomes: Members received a presentation on local food resilience activity, including community cookery sessions, surplus food redistribution, and mapping work aimed at strengthening local food networks and supporting future funding opportunities.					
Climate Change and Adaptation	For the Committee to receive an annual update on the Council’s Climate Change agenda.	Housing, Commercial and Customer Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
Outcomes: Members received an update on the Council’s climate mitigation and adaptation work, including progress towards its carbon reduction targets, recent decarbonisation schemes across the estate, and ongoing work to integrate climate adaptation into service planning.					



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29 April 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Biodiversity Duty	For the Committee to receive an update on the actions completed as part of the Biodiversity Duty Monitoring Report 2023 – 2025.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
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Workshops					
Surface Water Flooding Strategy	For the Committee to 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.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement External	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Task and Finish Group/Workshop	<p>New suggestion received for the work programme.</p> <p>Cross-cutting to include members from Communities Scrutiny.</p>
<p>Outcomes: As part of a workshop setting delivered by the Council's Highways &amp; Engineering Team on 3 February 2026, Members received an overview of the Council's flood-risk responsibilities, current surface water hotspots and recent and/or ongoing mitigation schemes. The workshop also covered the Council's incident response, SuDS planning requirements and forthcoming funding and community-engagement work with local partners and residents.</p>					



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To be scheduled					
Street Waste	For the Committee to receive an update on the Council's process for managing street waste following the pilot of the dual-recycling bins.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
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