

Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26 – 2026/27

Business & Finance					
Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Suggested by	Directorate	Timeframe	Comments
Adult Social Care	Review the additional spend and budget pressures within Adult Social Care, understanding the drivers behind increased demand and complexity, and consider the Council's approach to managing these pressures within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Committee	Adult Social Care People, Finance & IDT	Concluded on 6 January 2026	Workshop  Arranged to coincide with budget consultation meetings in January to allow Members to feed into the process.
Arthog	Review the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, focusing on financial sustainability and the educational and social value delivered to ensure long-term viability and value for money to schools and community groups.	Committee	Education & Skills Prosperity & Investment	Concluded on 6 January 2026	Workshop  Arranged to coincide with budget consultation meetings in January to allow Members to feed into the process.

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Financial Monitoring	Receive an update on the Council's Financial Monitoring position for 2025/26.	Standing Item	Finance, IDT & People	To be confirmed	Committee Agenda Item  To be repeated each year as a standing item in the late autumn/early Winter.
Growth Fund	Review the Council's property investment portfolio, with a specific focus on industrial units, assess how it continues to support with business growth and economic development and highlight areas of improvement.	Scrutiny Chair	Prosperity & Investment	Concluded on 5 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	September 2026	Committee Agenda Item  To include a site visit to Station Quarter.

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Innovative Approaches to Alternative Accommodation	Review the use of the funding allocated as part of the Pride in Place Programme for creating alternative accommodation provisions within Council estates including the potential repurposing of existing structures into single person dwellings.	Scrutiny Chair	Prosperity & Investment People, Finance & IDT Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	November 2026	Task and Finish Group  Cross-cutting piece to include Members from Communities Scrutiny.
Leisure Services	Review the leisure service offer to better understand how to ensure the Council offer continues to remain responsive to resident needs and is operated efficiently and effectively.	Scrutiny Chair	Prosperity & Investment Housing, Commercial & Customer Services People, Finance & IDT	September 2026	Committee Agenda Item

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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	People, Finance & IDT	January 2027	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.	Annual Update	Prosperity & Investment	June 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Telford Land Deal	Receive regular updates on the Telford Land Deal, considering the financial impact on the Council and its value for money.	Standing Item	Prosperity & Investment	Concluded on 11 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.	Scrutiny Chair	Prosperity & Investment	To be confirmed	Site Visit

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Children & Young People					
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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.	SMT	Children's Safeguarding & Family Support Education & Skills	Concluded on 9 October 2025	Committee Agenda Item
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.	Members	Children's Safeguarding & Family Support Education & Skills Public Health	To be confirmed	Committee Agenda Item  Carried forward from 2025/26
Education Attainment and Outcomes	Annual review of education attainment and outcomes for schools in the Borough.	Constitutional Function	Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	February 2027	Committee Agenda Item

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Family First Partnership	Explore how the Family First Partnership is strengthening early help, improving multi-agency working, and supporting families at an earlier stage, including how impact is measured and aligned with wider safeguarding and prevention priorities.	NEW – SMT	Children's Safeguarding & Family Support Education & Skills	To be confirmed	Committee Agenda Item
Good Level of Development	Examine trends in Early Years outcomes, including variations between ward demographics and groups of children, and assess the effectiveness of local interventions designed to improve school readiness and narrow the attainment gap.	NEW – SMT	Children's Safeguarding & Family Support Education & Skills	To be confirmed	Workshop

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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	To be confirmed	Site Visit
SEND Reforms	To receive an update on the national SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, including funding provision and the anticipated impact on children, young people, and their families.	SMT	Education & Skills	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report	Receive the Telford & Wrekin Local Safeguarding Children Board report for the 2025/26 financial year.	Constitutional Function	Policy & Governance Children's Safeguarding & Family Support	February 2027	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.	Members	Education & Skills	Concluded on 9 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.	Parish & Town Councils	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Concluded on 12 February 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Councillors' Pride Fund	Review how the Councillors' Pride Fund is allocated across wards, how impact and outcomes are measured, and whether the scheme provides value for money for residents in Telford and Wrekin.	NEW – SMT	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop
Crisis Resilience Fund / Cost of Living Support	Examine how the new Crisis and Resilience Fund is targeted and delivered, how need is assessed and how the Council monitors outcomes for residents facing financial hardship, wider cost-of-living support and prevention work.	NEW – SMT	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	2027/28	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop

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Digitisation of Registration Services	Review the current operation of the Council's Registration Service and the upcoming national digitisation reforms, assessing how proposed changes will impact service delivery, customer experience and office processes, providing Members with the opportunity to help shape the design of the future customer journey to ensure accessibility, efficiency and high-quality service outcomes.	NEW – Heads of Service	Policy & Governance	2027/28	Task and Finish Group
Domestic Abuse Strategy - VAWG	Receive an update on the Domestic Abuse Strategy to encompass the Violence Against Women & Girls prevention agenda and proposed actions.	SMT	Public Health	Concluded on 2 October 2025	Committee Agenda Item

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Night-Time Economy	Examine night-time economy within the Borough with a focus on safe travel and the impact of a reduced Community Support Officer presence.	Scrutiny Chair	Policy & Governance Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item  Carried forward from 2025/26
Road Maintenance	Review the Council's approach to road maintenance including the processes for identifying, prioritising and repairing defects such as potholes, the quality and durability of repair methods used, and the effectiveness of communication and reporting systems.	NEW – Scrutiny Chair	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	June 2026	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop

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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 years	Policy & Governance	To be confirmed	Workshop
Tobacco & Vape Enforcement	Review the Council's current approach to tobacco and vape enforcement, including existing activity, enforcement outcomes and the introduction of licensing requirements, in order to understand current effectiveness and assess how the Council's enforcement model may need to adapt to respond to evolving public health priorities.	NEW – Heads of Service	Policy & Governance	February 2027	Committee Agenda Item

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Telford & Wrekin Skills Strategy	Monitor the effectiveness of the strategy against the five key principles and its impact on improving skill levels.	Members	Education & Skills	Concluded 12 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.	Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services Policy & Governance	Concluded 8 July 2025	Committee Agenda Item
VCSE Sector Support	Review how the Council supports the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, including the effectiveness of current funding and partnership arrangements to assess how well the Council's approach aligns with emerging best practice and recommendations to enable VCSE organisations to	NEW – Scrutiny Chair	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	2027/28	Committee Agenda Item  Cross-cutting piece to include Members from Business & Finance Scrutiny.

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Environment					
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Active Travel & Electric Vehicle Strategies	Receive an update on the Council's progress in delivering Active Travel and Electric Vehicle (EV) initiatives, building on the previous work of the Committee which highlighted accessibility issues, financial implications and the need for improved engagement on EV charging locations.	NEW – Scrutiny Chair	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Biodiversity Duty	Receive an update on how the Council is delivering its biodiversity duty, including progress made against the action plan and its contribution to the protection and enhancement of biodiversity across neighbourhoods and the built environment.	Committee	Prosperity & Investment	Concluded on 29 April 2026	Committee Agenda Item

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Building Safety and Dangerous Structures	Examine the Council's responsibilities in relation to dangerous structures and building safety with a particular focus on the environmental impacts of poorly maintained and degrading buildings, including how risks are identified and managed, the use of enforcement powers, response arrangements and how the Council ensures public safety and compliance within the built environment.	NEW – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	2027/28	Committee Agenda Item  Cross-cutting piece to include Members from Communities Scrutiny.
Climate Change and Adaptation	Review the Council's plan for Climate Change Adaptation including how climate risks are identified, planned for and managed to protect communities, infrastructure, and the local environment.	Standing Item	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	March 2027	Committee Agenda Item

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Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/26	Review how the Council identifies and manages contaminated land sites in the Borough.	SMT	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	Concluded on 22 October 2025	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop
Grounds & Cleansing	Revisit previous work undertaken by Committee to review the current grounds and cleansing services delivered by the Council and to explore alternative options for a new contract, contribute to shaping the proposed Service Level Agreement, understand the cost implications of different specification levels, and consider how the model supports long-term efficiency and community priorities.	NEW – Scrutiny Chair	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	To be confirmed	Task and Finish Group  Cross-cutting piece to include Members from Business & Finance Scrutiny.

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Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Receive an update on the Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Committee	Prosperity & Investment	Concluded on 29 April 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Playing Pitch Strategy	Review the Council's Playing Pitch Strategy, focusing on the provision and condition of play areas and pitches, their locations and accessibility, current and planned investment, and how the strategy will be delivered in the future.	NEW – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	July 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Shropshire Good Food	Annual update on the Shropshire Good Food Project.	Standing Item	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	March 2027	Committee Agenda Item

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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.	Members	Neighbourhood & Enforcement External	Concluded on 3 February 2026	Workshop
World Heritage Site Management Plan	Review the findings from recent data-gathering activity undertaken to inform the new World Heritage Site Management Plan, consider the proposed objectives for managing the site over the next ten years and provide recommendations to help shape the emerging plan in line with requirements set by UNESCO.	NEW – SMT	Prosperity & Investment	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop

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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.	Standing Item	Adult Social Care	October 2026	Committee Agenda Item  To be repeated each year as a standing item in the late autumn/early Winter.
Age UK	Receive an update on the support available to help older residents in the Borough to live independently, including access to benefits, practical assistance, and wellbeing services.	Committee	Public Health External	Concluded 11 December 2025	Committee Agenda Item
Dentistry	Receive an update on patient access to dental services in Telford and Wrekin.	Carried forward from previous year	Public Health	To be confirmed	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop  Carried forward from 2025/26

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Employment Opportunities for Adults with Learning Disabilities	Review how the Council and its partners support adults with learning disabilities to access, secure and sustain paid employment, considering current approaches, outcomes, and barriers to employment, and opportunities to strengthen support.	SMT	Adult Social Care	June 2026	Workshop
Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Veterans Health and Wellbeing Survey	Receive an update on the findings of the recent Veterans Health and Wellbeing Survey.	SMT	Adult Social Care	Concluded on 9 October 2025	Committee Agenda Item
Mental Health Strategy	Review the current provisions for mental health support across the Borough for children, young people and adults.	Continuation of previous years' work	Adult Social Care Public Health External	To be confirmed	Committee Agenda Item  Cross-cutting to include Members from CYP Scrutiny.  Further workshop to be scheduled for CYP MH.

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NHS 10 Year Plan – Admission Avoidance & Virtual Wards	Receive an overview of how virtual wards are supporting the shift from hospital based to community led care, including their role in reducing hospital admissions.	SMT	Adult Social Care External	Concluded on 5 March 2026	Committee Agenda Item
Pharmacy Transformation/Needs Assessment	Review the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) to assess if it reflects the needs of the local community.	SMT	Public Health External	Concluded 30 January 2026	Workshop Concluded 30 January 2026.
Primary Care – GP Access	Receive an update on the work that has been undertaken with GP surgeries to improve GP access.	Continuation of previous years' work	Public Health External		Workshop Recommendation from HWBB Carried forward from 2025/26
TWIPP Prevention Projects	Receive an update on the Telford & Wrekin Integrated Place Partnership prevention projects, including neighbourhood level	SMT	Public Health	Concluded on 5 March 2026	Committee Agenda Item

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