

Business & Finance Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/27

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments
24 June 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Terms of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2026/27.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function.
	Outcomes:				
Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2026/27.	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 3 June 2026.
	Outcomes:				
Pride in Our High Street	For the Committee to review the impact of the Pride in Our High Street programme and how the scheme has supported local businesses/traders.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Carried over from 2025/26.
	Outcomes:				



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16 September 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Housing Investment Programme - Annual Update (Nuplace)	For the Committee to receive an annual update on the Council’s Housing Investment Programme, including key achievements over the last year and current progress of delivery of the programme.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
Outcomes:					



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4 November 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Innovative Approaches to Alternative Accommodation Working Group Report	For the Committee to receive a report outlining the findings of the joint Working Group’s review into alternative accommodation to help meet the housing need across the Borough.	Policy & Governance Prosperity & Investment Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. Everyone benefits from a thriving economy. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Formal report outlining the recommendations from the working group.
Outcomes:					



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6, 14, 19 January 2027 – Committee Meeting					
<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy (Budget)</p>	<p>For the Committee to consult on the draft budget & policy framework proposals published by the Leader and any alternative proposals developed by opposition groups.</p>	<p>Finance, IDT & People</p>	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	<p>Committee Agenda Item</p>	<p>To fulfil the Committee’s role as a consultee on the Council’s draft budget and to consider any alternative proposals.</p>
<p>Outcomes:</p>					

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10 March 2027 – Committee Meeting					
To be determined.					
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To be scheduled					
Financial Monitoring	For the Committee to receive a report on the Council's Financial Monitoring position for 2026/27.	Finance, IDT & People	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
Outcomes:					
Leisure Services	For the Committee to receive an update on the Council's leisure service is extending its offer to meet residents needs, including through accessible provisions and targeted programmes to contribute to the Council's wider health, youth and prevention priorities.	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	<p>Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.</p> <p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p>	Workshop	Carried over from 2025/26.
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Wellington Market Regeneration	For the Committee to 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.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p> <p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.</p>	Site Visit	Carried forward from 2025/26.
Outcomes:					