

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: Members agreed the terms of reference for the 2026/27 municipal year.				
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: Members agreed the updated work programme for the 2026/27 municipal year.				
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	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	Carried over from 2025/26.
	Outcomes: Members received an update on the Pride in Our High Street programme. The presentation outlined the impact of grant funding in reducing high street vacancies, attracting private investment, creating local jobs and supporting business growth through initiatives including start-up, digital, eco and shopfront improvement grants. Members were also provided with case studies demonstrating the positive impact of the programme and were updated on plans for the future development of the new PIOHS Elevate programme.				



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30 September 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:				
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	Everyone benefits from a thriving economy. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
	Outcomes:				

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Wellington Market Regeneration	For the Committee to receive an update on the Council's investment into the regeneration of Wellington Market focusing on progress to date including programme delivery, engagement with businesses/traders and future plans for completion.	Prosperity & Investment	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. All neighbourhoods are a great place to live. Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.	Committee Agenda Item	Carried forward from 2025/26.
	Outcomes:				

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4 November 2026 – Committee Meeting					
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	Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	
	Outcomes:				

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6, 14, 19 January 2027 – Committee Meeting					
Medium Term Financial Strategy (Budget)	For the Committee to consult on the draft budget & policy framework proposals published by the Leader and any alternative proposals developed by opposition groups.	Finance, IDT & People	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	To fulfil the Committee's role as a consultee on the Council's draft budget and to consider any alternative proposals.
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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	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	To be scheduled if requested by Committee.
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