

Communities Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/27

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments
11 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.				
Road Maintenance	For the Committee to receive an update on 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.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.

	Outcomes: Committee Members received an update and a presentation on road maintenance in Telford & Wrekin. The presentation provided an overview of the Council's highway maintenance and asset management approach, highlighting the scale of the network it is responsible for, outlining significant investment in the highway and transport service and explains that maintenance priorities are determined through an evidence-led, risk-based approach using condition data, safety inspections, engineering assessments and local intelligence.
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1 October 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:				
Night-Time Economy	For the Committee to receive an update on night-time economy within the Borough including safe travel and the range of measures the Council and its partners deliver to support safer neighbourhoods.	Policy & Governance Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				

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Tobacco & Vape Enforcement	For the Committee to 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.	Policy & Governance Public Health	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				
Councillors' Pride Fund	For the Committee to 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.	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.



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Crisis Resilience Fund / Cost of Living Support	For the Committee to 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.	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Committee Agenda Item / Workshop	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				
Social Value in Contracts	For the Committee to review the Social Value in Contracts scheme, with a focus on corporate social responsibility, and consideration of the development of a social value impact fund and if this would be beneficial for the community.	Policy & Governance	Everyone benefits from a thriving economy. A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Workshop	Carried forward from 2025/26.
	Outcomes:				

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Digitisation of Registration Services	For the Committee to 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.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Task and Finish Group	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				

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VCSE Sector Support	For the Committee to review how the Council supports the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, with a particular focus on its role in providing infrastructure support, the effectiveness of current support mechanisms, and how the Council's approach aligns with emerging best practice to enable VCSE organisations to deliver positive outcomes for local communities.	Housing, Commercial & Customer Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services. All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				
Pothole Repair Site Visit	During the Communities Scrutiny Meeting which took place on 11 June 2026, Chair requested that Committee take part in a site visit to observe a repair of a pothole. The aim is to gain a better	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Site Visit	New request from Chair.

	understanding of the different resurfacing techniques and processes used.				
	Outcome:				

