

Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022

Issue / Topic	Brief description of topic	Suggested by	Target Date	Service Area	SMT Feedback
Private Sector Housing	To understand the rules that govern social housing provision and private landlords, to understand the needs of residents and problems faced by the borough in delivery of housing and how these can be addressed through the use of enforcement powers. (To include an update on HMO licencing, empty property strategy and action plan, overview and application of enforcement powers in private sector housing)	Carried forward from 2020/21	October 2021	Business, Development & Employment Housing & Communities	
Influence and review the impact of the new Safer/Stronger communities programme	Engaging the Committee in the ongoing development of the Safer and Stronger communities work programme. Expected to be delivered over two parts. This work will include and overview of Safer Streets and the new Safer & Stronger Communities Strategy & Action Plan	Carried forward from 2020/21	June 2021 and February 2021	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	

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Transport: Strategic Transport Review	Receive an overview of the Strategic Transport Review that will feed into the new Strategic Transport Strategy	Carried forward from 2020/21	July 2021	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	
Transport Strategy – Active Travel	To contribute to and influence the emerging transport strategy and action plan		June 2021		
Transport Strategy – EV	To contribute to and influence the emerging EV Strategy		April 2022		
Corporate Travel Plan	To contribute to and influence the corporate travel plan		November 2021		
Council Communications	This item has been carried over having been postponed to assist the Council during flood and pandemic response throughout 2020 and early 2021.	Carried forward from 2020/21	2022/23	Corporate Communications	Due to work programme commitments, it is recommended that this item be removed from the work programme
Greener Licensing Taxi					Due to the lack of information available about this item and the planned work programme, it is recommended that this be removed from the work programme.

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Needs of rural communities	Are the needs of rural communities being met? Are the communications with them appropriate	New – from Parish Council		Corporate Communications Business, Development & Employment Housing & Communities	It is considered that much of this could be covered as part of the transport related item above, that a line should be added to the transport regarding rural transport then this item be removed from the work programme.
Broadband Connectivity	Telford & Wrekin's role in securing broadband connectivity for all residents Developing ICT for residents to support them living well	New – from Parish Council New – From Co-optee		Business, Development & Employment Housing & Communities	Scrutiny has previously looked at Superfast Telford and Wrekin. Suggested that Scrutiny review the digital strategy later in the year (final quarter or first quarter of 2022).
Planning	Relationship between developers and TWC regarding unadopted development sites. Review of the planning process, both by officers and planning committee.	New – From Parish Council		Planning	This item is related to central government policy and there would be limited scope for scrutiny to influence and/or add value particularly given the recent announcement by government regarding proposed changes to the planning regime.
Post-Covid Recovery	Keeping communities working together following COVID	New – From Co-optee		Housing & Communities	Recommend to postpone until 2022/23

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Integration	What can be done to support integration of communities	New – From Co-optee		Housing & Communities	Links to equality and diversity agenda which is integral to the work of the council. Recommended that this is removed from the work programme given the scope of the programme.
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