

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2023 to 2024

Current Work Programme			
Report Title	Date due to O&S	Reporting Service	Scope of what is to be scrutinised
Update on Future System Upgrades with Arcus Global	September 2023	Planning and Development	The Committee expected to receive updates on the next phase of system upgrades with Arcus Global in the Planning and Development Service and Safety and Wellbeing Service.
Corporate Performance Report Q1	September 2023	Policy and Performance	Quarterly Performance Report in relation to Quarter 1. Information on what the Council has achieved through its decision making; key performance data and wider contextual information.
Residents Survey and Analysis	September 2023	Policy and Performance	The Committee requested a presentation regarding the latest results and analysis of the latest Residents Survey.
Consultation and Engagement Recommendations Update	September 2023	Policy and Performance	A report to update the Committee on the progress of recommendations made by the Consultation and Engagement Task Group.
Council Finance, Budget and Commercial Scrutiny	26 th September 6-8pm	Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (external)	This session will help Members of scrutiny to recognise the vital role of scrutiny in helping to constructively test and challenge to council's corporate priorities and the robustness of financial planning to support them. Members should gain an understanding of how scrutiny can test assumptions, risks and pressures that underline budgets

			and medium-term financial plans. This session will also help Members to develop questioning strategies to test budget and financial plans and hold to account political decision makers for the delivery of their plans.
Waste Contract Implementation	October 2023	Environment, Property and Recreation	A presentation regarding the recent waste contract implementation, the councils recycling rate and goals and updates on issues relating to bin stores and fly tipping collection rates.
Budget Scrutiny Task Group Membership	October 2023	-	An item to agree Membership for the Budget Scrutiny Task Group.
Using information and developing effective questioning skills	17 th October 2023	Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (external)	This session, hosted by the Centre for Governance & Scrutiny, will provide an opportunity for members to acquire or develop their questioning techniques in a scrutiny setting. The seminar will cover how effective, organised and prepared questioning can significantly improve member contributions and overall success of scrutiny sessions.
Water Supply in the Borough	November 2023	South East Water (external)	A presentation from South Easter Water to share latest updates on how they are improving resilience across their network and answer Member questions.
Community Safety Update	November 2023	Safety and Wellbeing	<p>A presentation will be brought forward to provide an update on Community Safety and also the options moving forward, including savings for the Ashford Monitoring Centre.</p> <p>A review of the decisions made and action taken in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions by the members of the Community Safety Partnership. The Committee operates as the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for the council.</p>
Freedom Leisure at the Stour Centre	November 2023	Environment, Property and Recreation	Members would like information regarding overall service delivery including general maintenance and cleanliness.

Savings Plan Progress – 2 nd Quarter 2023/24	November 2023	Finance, IT and Digital	O&S agreed to monitor the delivery of the proposed savings identified on an ongoing and regular basis.
Corporate Performance Report Q2	November 2023	Policy and Performance	Quarterly Performance Report in relation to Quarter 2. Information on what the Council has achieved through its decision making; key performance data and wider contextual information.
Leader’s vision and priorities for the next Corporate Plan	December 2023	Chief Executive	The Leader is invited to attend and discuss the vision and priorities for the next Corporate Plan.
Housing Delivery and Management	December 2023	Housing	A presentation regarding the delivery of units and housing management operations, including an update on the repairs arrangements.
Budget Scrutiny Meetings 2024/25	December 2023 to January 2024	Policy and Performance Finance, IT and Digital	Scrutiny of the draft budget 2024/25 will take place over three or four meetings during December and January.
Safeguarding Update	February 2024	Safety and Wellbeing	Annual update to the committee on the council’s work on safeguarding adults and children at risk.
Corporate Performance Report Q3	February 2024	Policy and Performance	Quarterly Performance Report in relation to Quarter 3. Information on what the Council has achieved through its decision making; key performance data and wider contextual information.
Final Report of the Budget Scrutiny Task Group	February 2024	Finance, IT and Digital	A final report and findings from the annual Budget Scrutiny Task Group will be submitted, including any recommendations for consideration by Cabinet.
Productivity, Staff Morale and Hybrid Working	February 2024	HR, Customer Services, Communications and Digitalisation	The Committee wished to look at workforce productivity, staff morale, remote working. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are our productivity levels the same as pre hybrid working? 2. How are council managers assured that staff are working to their optimum?

O&S Annual Report	May 2024	Policy and Performance	A report to summarise the work undertaken by the Committee during the last municipal year.
Annual Performance Report	May 2024	Policy and Performance	A report to summarise the council's performance during the last municipal year.
Council Commercial Portfolio Update	Autumn 2024	Environment, Property, and Recreation	The Budget Scrutiny Task Group recommended that a report is brought forward to provide an update on the results of the condition survey of the Councils Commercial Portfolio, and how this will inform future repairs and maintenance programmes and disposal strategy.
Treasury Management	TBC	Finance, IT and Digital	The Budget Scrutiny Task Group requested that representatives from Arlingclose be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the council's treasury management strategy.
Enforcement Review	TBC	Safety and Wellbeing	The findings of the enforcement review will be brought forward to the Committee once the review has concluded.
Equalities , Diversity and Inclusion	TBC	Policy and Performance	An overview report of what has been done so far towards promoting equalities, diversity and inclusion at the council. The equalities objectives are currently being looked at as part of work on the Corporate Plan.