

Appendix 2

Place Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

<u>Borough Priorities</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>
Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	Date: 15 April 2024 Time: 5:30 pm Venue: Room 10
Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all	
Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	

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Performance Reports	Scrutiny Committees are responsible for reviewing the performance reports for priorities relevant to their remit.	To use performance reports to monitor the performance of services within portfolios and hold Cabinet Members to account.	Environmental Services and Climate Change (Cllr Bowden) Regeneration and Planning (Cllr McCauley) Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage (Cllr Burns) Economy,	Lisa Harris	Priority Two: Promote good health independence and care across our communities. Priority Three: Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all. Priority Four: Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected	Report to Committee	26 July 2024 (Completed) 9 October 2023 (Completed) 8 January 2024 (Completed) 15 April 2024

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			Business and Skills (Cllr Groucutt) Strategic Transport (Cllr Gomez-Aspron) Safer Communities (Cllr Uddin)		local economy Priority Five: Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture.		
Review of Task Group Update recommendation Violence Against Woman and Girls (VAWG)	Domestic abuse is a key focus for Place Scrutiny. The committee would like an update on the progress made on the work carried out between October & December 2022 VAWG Task group.	For the Committee to receive an update on Task Work recommendations for VAWG	Safer Communities (Cllr Uddin)	Tanya Wilcock	Priority Three: Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.	Report	15 April 2024
Climate Commission	Progress on Recommendations	Progress update on the delivery of the action plan as set out in the Cabinet report. 24 May 2023	Environmental services and climate change (Cllr Bowden)	Trevor Nicoll	Priority Five: Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	Presentation	15 April 2024
Housing Voids-Registered Providers	St Helens Council is not a landlord but has statutory responsibilities in relation to homelessness and the	The review will: •Seek to engage the variety of housing partners in the borough.	Regeneration and Planning (Cllr McCauley)	Sam Murray	Priority Three: Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.	Spotlight review	15 April 2024

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	<p>allocation of social housing to those in need.</p> <p>20% of the housing stock in the borough is in the socially rented sector. 981 lettings of social homes were completed in 2021/22 but there are 6500 people on the Under- One-Roof waiting list.</p> <p>Over recent years, the sector has had to respond to several challenges with vacant properties (voids).</p> <p>This has resulted in applicants waiting longer for a property to become ready to occupy and for Homelessness Services this has an impact which means residents stay longer than is suitable in temporary accommodation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Seek to understand the challenges facing the housing sector. •Understand the turnover of properties and the number of void properties that exist in the Borough. •Investigate the work underway to reduce void turnaround. •Seek to understand the impact that this has on the Council statutory Housing related functions. 					
Leisure Services Task and Finish Group	The Council operates three Indoor Leisure Facilities and several	The Review will investigate:	Wellbeing, Culture and Heritage	Tanya Wilcock	Priority One: Ensure children and young people	Task and Finish review	To commence April 2024

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	<p>outdoor sites, the largest of which is Ruskin Sports Village. Last year those sites were visited by over 1.3 million people There are over 7,000 members who pay a monthly subscription and the service collected income of over £3m. It is recognised that the service needs to change to maximise the health and well-being outcomes, optimise the commercial opportunities and meet the challenge of rising costs. It is proposed to conduct a full-service review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the service contributes to the Council's priorities, in particular its Public Health priorities and tackling inequalities. • How customer data & intelligence is used to lead service development, facility improvement and guide decommissioning. • How we can improve the management and maintenance of the facilities, in order to meet customer expectations. <p>To identify the level of investment required and where should that investment be targeted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the service supports the Council's journey to net carbon 	(Cllr Burns)	Dave Boocock	<p>have a positive start in life.</p> <p>Priority Two: Promote good health independence and care across our communities.</p> <p>Priority Five: Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture</p> <p>Priority Six: Be a responsible council</p>		

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		<p>zero.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •How Value for money is embedded in the service and the level of commerciality within the services. 					
Alcohol and Anti-Social behaviour	To understand the wider issues on alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour. The challenges and ongoing cost and resource required to manage.	To enable the committee to make focused and informed recommendations to reduce the use of alcohol, reduce anti-social behaviours because of alcohol and the lessen the impacts on communities	Safer Communities (Cllr Uddin)	Sam Murray / Sup Int Steve Brizell	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all	Presentation	9 October 2023 (Completed)
Tree Planting	The Council has been successful in securing £150.000 from the woodland creation accelerator fund (WCAF). The fund provides financial support to increase the capacity of specialist skills to accelerate the delivery of tree planting and woodland Creation commitments.	<p>A report to look at the progress being delivered by the fund, benefits to residents and the environment.</p> <p>The committee would support and steer potential further opportunities in the councils' committees to delivering Net -Zero</p>	Environmental services and climate change (Cllr Bowden)	Trevor Nicoll	Priority Five: Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture	Presentation	9 October 2023 (Completed)

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Catering	The Council's Catering service provides meals to most of the schools within the borough, both in primary and secondary schools	<p>A report to look at how this service contributes to achieving the borough priorities and maximising the benefits to the health of young people.</p> <p>An opportunity to consider the opportunities and risk to the service.</p>	Environmental services and climate change (Cllr Bowden)	Trevor Nicoll / Andrew Ferguson	Priority One: Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	Presentation	8 January 2024 (Completed)
Business Support Delivery Report (UK SHARED Prosperity Funding)	<p>The draft St Helens inclusive Growth Strategy and its baseline assessment (St Helens state of the borough) set out a range of issues and barriers to growth faced by local businesses.</p> <p>The data shows a declining GVA (Gross Value Added), a lack of knowledge base businesses and an overall lack of competitiveness leading to under performance in business growth which is undermining the wealth creation potential of the area.</p>	<p>The report would focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the current business support infrastructure that exists in the borough. • Identify the local needs and the desired outcomes. • Identify the intended outcomes required to align with UK SHARED Prosperity Funding. • Consider the service structure required to 	Economy, Business and Skills (Cllr Groucutt)	Steve Berlyne	Priority Four: Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	Report	8 January 2023 (Completed)

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		meet the commitment in the inclusive growth strategy to create conditions for business growth and inward investment.					