

Place Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

<u>Borough Priorities</u>	<u>Scheduled Meetings</u>		
Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy	Date: 24 March 2025 Time: 5:30 pm Venue: Room 10 Town Hall	Date: 23 June 2025 Time: 5:30pm Venue: Room 10 Town Hall	Date: 8 September 2025 Time: 5:30pm Venue: Room 10 Town Hall
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Reports to Committee							
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.	Inclusive Growth & Regeneration (Cllr McCauley) Transport & Environment (Cllr Gomez-Aspron) Supporting Neighbourhoods (Cllr T Long) Business, Culture & Leisure (Cllr Groucutt)	Tanya Wilcock Sean Traynor Trevor Nicoll	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all. Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy. Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture.	Report to Committee	24 March 2025

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Domestic Abuse Strategy	In recognition of the prevalence of this issue and the impact on our communities, the Council is working with partner agencies to refresh the Domestic Abuse Strategy	Members of the Committee will be consulted on the content of the strategy as part of the consultation process.	Supporting Neighbourhoods (Cllr T Long)	Tanya Wilcock	Create safe and strong communities.	Consultation	24 March 2025
Cabinet Response to the Leisure Services Task Group Report	The Committee undertook a task and finish review of Leisure Services during 2024/25 and the report to approved by the Committee on 6 January 2025 and submitted to Cabinet for consideration.	To receive the Cabinet response to the recommendations of the Leisure Services Task Group Report.	Business, Culture & Leisure (Cllr Groucutt)	Tanya Wilcock	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life. Promote good health independence and care across our communities. Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture.	Report to Committee	24 march 2025
Scrutiny Reviews							

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Leisure Services Task and Finish Group	The Council operates three Indoor Leisure Facilities and several outdoor sites. 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>The Review will investigate:</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. •To identify the level of investment required and where should that investment be targeted. •How the service supports the Council's journey to net carbon 	Business, Culture & Leisure (Cllr Groucutt)	Tanya Wilcock Dave Boocock	<p>Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life.</p> <p>Promote good health independence and care across our communities.</p> <p>Create green and vibrant places that reflect our heritage and culture.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Review</p> <p>Report to Committee</p> <p>Report to Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Response to Committee</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>6 January 2025</p> <p>19 March 2025</p> <p>24 March 2025</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. 					
Economic Inactivity due to long term Illness as a Cause of Unemployment	St Helens' economic inactivity rate due to long-term sickness is significantly higher than the NW average, and the England average.	<p>The link between ill health and economic inactivity is growing in the Borough as the gap widens between the Borough and the national averages.</p> <p>Mental health is a key health indicator that has demonstrated significant increases as a cause of economic inactivity. This review will explore the link between ill health and economic inactivity.</p> <p>It will review both the employment and health programmes that are targeted at solving this problem.</p> <p>The Task Group will explore the link between</p>	<p>Inclusive Growth & Regeneration (Cllr McCauley)</p> <p>Integrated Health and Social Care) Social (Cllr Andy Bowden)</p> <p>Public Health Cllr (Sue Murphy MBE)</p>	<p>Sean Traynor</p> <p>Ruth Du Plessis</p>	<p>Support a strong, thriving, inclusive and well-connected local economy.</p> <p>Promote good health independence and care across our communities.</p>	<p>Joint Task Group with Adult Social Care & Health</p>	<p>To Commence March 2025</p>

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		economic inactivity and poor life chances with links to the tackling inequalities agenda.					
Road Safety Review	<p>The Road Traffic Act 1988 places a statutory duty on the Council as Roads Authority to carry out a programme of measures to promote road safety and prevent road accidents.</p> <p>The importance of road safety is further emphasised within the Councils' Local Transport Strategy (LTS) to reduce the number of those killed and seriously injured (KSI's) on the roads within the borough, working towards an overall Vision Zero that aims to ensure that by 2040 there are no avoidable collisions which result in</p>	<p>To recognise the significant increase in the number of KSI's in road traffic collisions in the borough in the last year.</p> <p>To Review the effectiveness of the Road Safety Strategy 2023-27.</p> <p>To collaborate with the Police, Fire Service, Merseyside Road Safety Partnership and relevant road safety community groups to review the effectiveness of the Road Safety Action Plan.</p> <p>To explore good practice from other areas, sharing expertise and data to review the change in approach to road safety as part of the Road Safety Strategy 2023-27.</p>	Transport & Environment (Cllr Gomez-Aspron	Paul Lawrenson	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.	Task Group	Next meeting 4 February 2025

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	fatalities or life-changing injuries on the council's roads.	Establish the specific cohort of road user that is at the most risk and identify the most appropriate actions to influence behaviour change in that cohort.					
Completed Items							
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Housing Voids-Registered Providers	The Committee undertook a Review of Housing Voids and approved a report was	The Committee to receive the Cabinet response.	Supporting Neighbourhoods (Cllr T Long)	Sam Murray	Create safe and strong communities and	Spotlight review (October 2023)	15 July 2024

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Cabinet Response	submitted to Cabinet on 15 April 2024.				neighbourhoods for all.		
Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	The Place Services Scrutiny Committee is the designated Crime and Order Committee as per the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009. As such the Committee is responsible for scrutiny of the work of the Community Safety Partnership.	To consider how the CSP spent its funding from the Office of Police and Crime Commissionaire (OPCC) in 2023/24. To invite the organisations who were funded to deliver on behalf of CSP to review the effectiveness of initiatives.	Supporting Neighbourhoods (Cllr T Long)	Tanya Wilcock	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.	Report to Committee	7 October 2024
Housing Voids Update	Annual Housing Voids Update. The Place Services Scrutiny Committee to receive an annual Housing Registered Providers/ update on housing voids issues. Housing Officers and representatives from the Registered Providers forum to provide a detailed update	To understand and scrutinise - Thematic compliance, (cooperation of the Register Providers in fulfilling their obligations within the Nominations agreement. provide Voids Data - Reference of all voids and a breakdown of data relating to voids for each provider.	Supporting Neighbourhoods (Cllr T Long)	Tanya Wilcock	Create safe and strong communities and neighbourhoods for all.	Report	6 January 2025

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		update on Progress and initiatives on reducing Voids Torus to provide the 'Future demand forecast for housing'.					