

Regeneration, Culture and Environment

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 August 2025

Work Programme

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Summary

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows them to adjust it in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities over the year.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and agree the work programme as set out at Appendix A to the report.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to note the action log as set out at Appendix B to the report.

2. Budget and policy framework

- 2.1 Under Chapter 4, Part 5 of the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Rules, paragraph 21.1 (xv) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

3. Background

- 3.1 Appendix A to this report sets out the proposed work programme for this Committee.

4. Agenda Planning Meeting

- 4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. These give officers guidance on information Members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting took place on 16 July 2025.

- 4.2 The Bereavement and Memorial Policy, River Strategy and Air Quality, Public Transport and Active Travel Task Group report were added to the work programme for 9 October 2025.
- 4.3 The Shared Prosperity Fund and Outcomes was added to the work programme for 11 December 2025.
- 4.4 As requested previously by this Committee, an updated action log is attached at Appendix B and a list of briefing notes relevant to the work of this Committee which have been circulated in 2023, 2024 and 2025 are attached as Appendices C, D and E.

5. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 5.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 28 July 2025. Set out below is a list of items featuring on the Forward Plan that fall within the terms of reference of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it wishes to consider before the Cabinet decision is taken (where dates permit), other than those already programmed in Appendix A.

<u>Title of Decision:</u>	<u>Anticipated Decision Date:</u>
Climate Change Action Plan 2025-2028	26 August 2025
Gateway 1 Procurement commencement: Recycling Resource Management Contract	26 August 2025
Get Kent and Medway Working Plan	26 August 2025
New Local Transport Plan – Communications and Engagement Plan	26 August 2025
One Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q1 2025/26	26 August 2025
Reports for Cabinet Sub-Committee (Kyndi Ltd Shareholder Board)	18 September 2025
Housing Allocations Policy	23 September 2025
Open Digital Planning	23 September 2025
Property Review: Management of Heritage Properties and the review of Operational Properties – Results of the consultation regarding the future of Upnor Castle	23 September 2025
Rochester Riverside Deed of Variation	23 September 2025

Reports for Cabinet Sub-Committee (Medway Norse Ltd Shareholder Board)	7 October 2025
Selective and Additional Licensing	21 October 2025
Capital Budget Monitoring Round 2 2025/26	18 November 2025
Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2026/27	18 November 2025
One Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Q2 2025/26	18 November 2025
Revenue Budget Monitoring Round 2 2025/26	18 November 2025

6. Financial and legal implications

6.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Work programme

Appendix B – Action Log

Appendix C – Index of briefing notes 2023

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Background papers

None