

Regeneration, Culture and Environment

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 December 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 changes set out in section 4.2 of this 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 12 November 2025.

- 4.2 The Local Transport Plan has been added to the work programme for 20 January 2026 to allow for pre-decision scrutiny.
- 4.3 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 17 November 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>
Article 4 Direction – Houses in Multiple Occupation	16 December 2025
Authority Monitoring Report and Infrastructure Funding Statement	16 December 2025
Greenspace Services – Transfer to Medway Council	16 December 2025
Medway Greenspaces Bereavement Memorial Policy	16 December 2025
Property Review and Future Management of Heritage Sites	16 December 2025
Property Review: Operational Properties – Results of Consultations	16 December 2025
Visitor Economy and Inward Investment Services	16 December 2025
Designation of Horsted Valley as a Local Nature Reserve	13 January 2026
Gateway 3 Contract Award – Corporate Facilities Management Contracts	13 January 2026
Medway Air Quality Management Area Revocations	13 January 2026
Pride in Place Impact Fund	13 January 2026
Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets 2026/27	10 February 2026

Integrated Hub us for former Debenhams building	10 February 2026
South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership Business Plan	10 February 2026
The River Medway Strategy	10 February 2026
Cabinet Sub Committee (Medway Norse Ltd Shareholder Board)	17 February 2026
Cabinet Sub Committee (Medway Development Company Ltd Shareholder Board)	3 March 2026
Placing Objects on the Highway Policy	10 March 2026

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