



# **Business Support and Digital Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**18 June 2026**

## **Work Programme**

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### **Summary**

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

#### **1. Recommendations**

1.1. The Committee is asked to agree the provisional work programme at Appendix 1 to the report.

1.2. The Committee is asked to note the work programmes of the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees at Appendix 2 to the report.

#### **2. Budget and Policy Framework**

2.1. Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme (Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 21.1 (xv) General terms of reference).

#### **3. Background**

3.1. The Committee's provisional work programme is attached at Appendix 1. One of the Committee's functions is to provide guidance and leadership on the development and co-ordination of the scrutiny function for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Appendix 2 sets out the work programmes for other Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

#### **4. Agenda Planning Meeting**

4.1. Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting took place on 28 May 2026 attended by the Chairperson.

- 4.2. At the meeting the following amendments to the work programme were proposed:
- 4.2.1. The schedule for Portfolio Holders to attend the Committee to be held to account during the year.
- 4.2.2. A report would be received in August 2026 in relation to Local Government Reorganisation.
- 4.2.3. A report updating the progress made in relation to the Medway 2.0 programme would be considered in October 2026.

## 5. Forward Plan

- 5.1. The latest [Forward Plan](#) of Cabinet decisions was published on 1 June 2026 2026.
- 5.2. The items that are relevant to the Business Support and Digital O&S Committee are set out below so that Members have an opportunity to identify any further items they wish to consider as pre-decision scrutiny (where dates permit) other than those already programmed.

<b>Title of Decision</b>	<b>Anticipated Decision Date</b>
<b>Medway 2.0 Update</b> This report will provide an update on the Medway 2.0 transformation work.	30 June
<b>Capital Budget Monitoring - Round 1 2026 / 2027</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	4 August
<b>Revenue Budget Monitoring Round 1 2025/26</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position	4 August
<b>Cost of Living Crisis Response Plan 2026/27</b> This report will set out a further update to the Cost of Living Crisis Response Plan, which was agreed by the Cabinet in July 2023 and has been updated annually since.	4 August
<b>One Medway Financial Improvement and Transformation (FIT) Plan Monitoring - Round 1 2026/27</b> This report will provide the Cabinet with an update on the development and implementation of the One Medway Financial Improvement and Transformation Plan.	4 August
<b>Treasury Management Outturn Annual Report</b> This report will provide an overview of treasury management activity for 2025/26. The report will also be considered by the Audit Committee.	4 August
<b>Treasury Management Monitoring - Quarter 1 2026/27</b> This report will set out the latest monitoring position.	4 August
<b>Medium Term Financial Outlook</b>	25 August

This report will set out the financial pressures projected by the Council's services alongside projections of the Council's income streams.	
<b>One Medway Council Plan Performance Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 1 2026/27</b> This report will provide details of performance for Quarter 1 2026/27 against the priorities set out in the One Medway Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.	25 August
<b>Procurement Strategy Annual Report</b> The report will set provide an update on delivery of the Procurement Strategy 2025 – 2030 and ask the Cabinet to agree annual objectives.	22 September

## 6. The Co-ordinating Role of the Business Support and Digital Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 6.1. This Committee has the overall responsibility to provide guidance and leadership on the development and co-ordination of the scrutiny function for all Overview and Scrutiny committees, including guidance on priorities for scrutiny activities (Constitution, Chapter 4 – Rules – paragraph 22.2 (xxiii)).
- 6.2. To assist the Committee in fulfilling this role, it has been agreed that a regular overview of business discussed by the other Overview and Scrutiny committees should be presented at these meetings. Whilst each Overview and Scrutiny committee is able to determine its own work programme, this Committee may wish to comment on common themes and the balance of business being covered by each Committee.
- 6.3. Appendix 2 to this report sets out the current work programmes of the other three Overview and Scrutiny committees.

## 7. Financial, legal and risk management implications

- 7.1. There are no financial, legal or risk management implications arising from this report.

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### Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Business Support and Digital O&S work programme  
Appendix 2 - Other O&S Committees' work programmes

### Background papers:

None