

Communities and Neighbourhoods Work Programme 2025-26

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17 July 2025	Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities	To invite Cllr P Akhtar and Cllr Hetherton to identify their priorities for the coming year, for Scruco to be able to identify future items and hold Cabinet Members to account	Cllr N Akhtar Cllr Hetherton
	CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group	To establish a task and finish group to look at CCTV in taxis	Cllr Hetherton Gennie Holmes
	Draft Work Programme 2025-26	To agree an initial work programme	Gennie Holmes
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23 October 2025	Street Lighting	Following an item on 30 th January, the Board requested an item on the roll-out of LED lighting and part night lighting. Including Recommendations and actions from 30 Jan	Cllr Hetherton Rav Sekhon Mark Adams
	Fly-tipping performance 2024-25	To include fly tipping data covering the past 12 months to as well as 1) Public reporting figures 2) Allocation of additional resource in 25-26 budget 3) Partnerships with housing associations like Citizen to combat fly tipping on their premises 4) Impact of increased fines for fly-tipping	Davina Blackburn Adrian Chowns Sarah Elliott Cllr AS Khan Cllr Hetherton
	Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)	Refocus to ensure resources associated with SWEP are reaching those who it is intended for	Pete Fahy Cllr N Akhtar
4 December 2025	Renters Reform Bill	To consider the implications of the Renters Reform Bill on the Council and any changes to services required as a result. Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy	Cllr N Akhtar Adrian Chowns
29 January 2026	Design Guides - consultation	To feedback on the draft designs guides referred from Scruco December 24 – to invite SB3	Chris Styles Cllr N Akhtar
	CCTV in Taxis – Task and Finish Group Recommendations	Recommendations from the T&F group – Cllr Abbott to be invited as Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee.	Gennie Holmes Cllr Hetherton

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	Collections Disposals	To consider the disposal of item in the museums collection	Cllr N Akhtar D Nuttall
12 March 2026	Litter picking	<p>Update following the item considered April 2025 – to include suggestions from member of the public:</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target areas that are notorious, so they don't become "dumping grounds" causing possible greater expenditure to clean them up. - Ascertain whether street bins are effectively and efficiently dealt with. - Investigate whether the tip could be promoted more. - Work with Probation <p>A city-wide campaign to make littering unacceptable.</p>	Cllr Hetherton Martin McHugh/ Sam Morris
	SWEP	To look at the impact of the changes proposed following the item in October 25	J Crawshaw Cllr N Akhtar
	Food Waste	Further update on implementation and progress on recommendations from item March 25	Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton
	Housing Enforcement	To more closely at the steps available to enforce housing standards.	Adrian Chowns Cllr AS Khan
2025-26	Housing Strategy	To look at local housing provision, including social housing number, as part of the Local Plan. To include social housing providers	Jim Crawshaw Cllr N Akhtar
	Pot-Holes and Road Surface Quality	To include the National Highways Satisfaction Survey satisfaction survey data (5% below average) and the green score on the 2026 National Pothole Scorecard	Mark Adams Cllr Hetherton
	Gully Cleaning Programme	Requested following an item on Water Quality on 17/7/24. To be considered 25/26	Mark Adams Cllr Hetherton
	Garden Waste		Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton

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	Road Safety and Parking Enforcement	Referred from Scruco 5 th June 2025 – to include use of digital technology. To follow up on progress April 2024 Scruco actions and recommendations. Use of e-bikes and scooters will be considered by Scruco.	Paul Bowman Cllr Hetherton
	Supported Exempt Accommodation	Progress including recommendations from December 24 and January 25/	Cllr N Akhtar Jim Crawshaw Pete Fahy
	Heritage Strategy	Following an item on Conservation Areas the Board requested that the Cabinet Member consider funding prioritisation and allocation, for heritage assets as part of the new Heritage Strategy.	Cllr N Akhtar David Nuttall
	Planning Performance – Planning and Infrastructure Bill	Looking at the content of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and the implications for local government. To include overall performance against Government targets. Annual monitoring report (AMR).	Cllr N Akhtar Rob Back
2026/27	Empty Property Strategy	To provide an update on Empty Property Strategy as due for renewal next year. To involve scrutiny as part of the consultation process. 26/27	Davina Blackburn Adrian Chowns
	Additional Licensing Scheme progress report	At their meeting on 21 st August, Scruco requested that SB4 receive regular progress reports on numbers of HMO's licensed and enforcement – scheme review 2028.	Adrian Chowns, Davina Blackburn
	Fly-tipping Performance 25-26	A further progress report following the item in October 25	Adrian Chowns Cllr Hetherton

Work Programme Decision Flow Chart

