



## BCP Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan. Updated 22.09.2025



### Guidance notes:

- 2/3 items per committee meeting is the recommended maximum for effective scrutiny.
- The O&S Board will approach work through a lens of **RESIDENT IMPACT AND EXPERIENCE**
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
Meeting Date: 30 September 2025 (Meeting moved from 22 September to accommodate CGR)				
1.	<b>Community Governance Review Final Recommendations –</b> To consider the recommendations from the Community Governance Review Working Group following the conclusion of the public consultation	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH - Leader of the Council Monitoring Officer	New item added to work plan 24 February 2025
2.	<b>NEW - Council Budget Monitoring 2025/26 at Quarter One</b> To consider the budget monitoring report which is due to be considered by the Cabinet.	<i>Item to be circulated for information – any questions to be raised directly to Cabinet or via the O&amp;S Board Chair</i>	PH – Finance Chief Finance Officer	Item identified from Budget timeframe
Meeting Date: 20 October 2025				
1.	<b>NEW - Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update Report</b> To consider the updated MTFP including progress towards delivering a balanced 2026/27 budget.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Finance Chief Finance Officer	Item identified from Budget timeframe

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2.	<b>BCP Libraries Strategy</b> To consider a Cabinet report which presents the key elements of the new draft Library Strategy ahead of a second stage consultation process.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – PH - Customer Communication and Culture Director of Customer and Property	Item identified from Cabinet FP – Moved from 1 October Cabinet
Meeting Date: 17 November 2025				
1.	<b>Parking Enforcement Around School</b> For the O&S Board to consider how illegal parking can be addressed around schools. To potentially include input from schools and parking enforcement team.	Enquiry session Scrutiny Rapporteur - Cllr A Chapmanlaw	PH – Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations PH – Childre, Young People, Education and Skills	Initial enquiries will be made through a scrutiny rapporteur to lead to an enquiry session with different parties.
Meeting Date: 8 December 2025				
1.	<b>Crime and Disorder Scrutiny of Community Safety Partnership</b> The Overview and Scrutiny Board is the statutory body for crime and disorder scrutiny and will consider the annual report of the community safety partnership.	Annual Report	PH – Housing and Regulatory Director of Housing and Communities	
2.	<b>Carters Quay</b>	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Housing and Regulatory Services	Item added to the Cabinet FP - June 2025. Originally

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	To scrutinise the Cabinet report which provides an update to Councillors on the current situation.			scheduled for October - moved to December
Items for scrutiny (Meeting dates and/or methods to be determined)				
	<b>Accounting for Social Value in decision making</b>	Committee Report	TBC	Item requires further scoping - <a href="#">KLOE document</a>
	<b>Working more collectively across BCP geographical areas / Locality Governance</b> – This item is interdependent with the progressing Community Governance Review and will be revisited once this is completed.	TBC	TBC	This requires further scoping – <a href="#">KLOE document</a>
	<b>Culture of the Council</b> To consider a number of different elements regarding the culture of the Council including member/officer relations, accountability and record keeping and recognition of different geographic localities.	TBC	TBC	Scrutiny Request received and agreed by the Board - June 2025
	<b>Business Improvement Districts</b> To consider issues raised by the business improvement districts operating within BCP.	Report/presentation to the O&S Board (TBC)		This was requested June 2025 as there was an existing item for issues arising from the preceding briefing from the BIDs which hadn't been progressed

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	<b>Investment and Development Directorate - Regeneration Programme</b>  This report provides a bi-annual update on the progress of the Council's regeneration programme.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH - Leader of the Council Director Investment and Development	Tracking Cabinet report – moved from July meeting to September, now expected at December Cabinet
Working Groups and items addressed through alternative scrutiny methods				
	<b>Public Consultations Framework Development</b> – This group has completed its work into the consultation framework and will report its findings back to the Board inline with the timetabling of the draft framework.	Working Group	Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy PH – Customer, Communications and Culture	The Board established this working group at its meeting on 18 November  The Group is continuing its work to look into recent consultations.
	<b>Member involvement in the Complaints Process</b>  To investigate how this links with members ward work in specific issues.	Scrutiny Rapporteur – Cllr S Aitkenhead	PH - Customer, Communications and Culture	
Briefing Sessions				
	Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2025/26:		Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 24 November</li> <li>Monday 9 March</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regeneration and BDC</li> <li>Performance of the Council</li> </ul>	

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