

BCP Council Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Work Plan. Updated 30.06.25

Guidance notes:

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

	Subject and background	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Report Information
Meeting Date: 20 May 2026				
1.	Local Transport Plan	Pre-decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Cllr Andy Hadley	It was agreed to add this item to the work plan following the transfer of this function from the O & S Board – Item schedule on Cabinet FP date changed to May 26
2.	Housing Strategy Review - NEW	Pre-decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	Cllr Kieron Wilson	
3.	Reserved for proactive Scrutiny matters			
Briefing Date: 18 March 26 - Chemical Scrutiny or Building Regulations				
Briefing Date: 15 April 26 – Vanlife – update from officers around information the Council already hold.				
Meetings with items to be allocated.				
Meeting Date: 15 July 2026				
1.				
2.				

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3.	Reserved for proactive Scrutiny matters			
Meeting Date: 9 September 2026				
1.	Reserved for proactive Scrutiny matters			
2.	Reserved for Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny			
3.				
Meeting Date: 18 November 2026				
1.	Reserved for proactive Scrutiny matters			
2.	Reserved for Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny			
3.				
Meeting Date: 24 February 2027				
1.	Reserved for proactive Scrutiny matters			
2.	Reserved for Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny			
3.				
Items with Dates to be allocated:				

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1.	<p>Climate and Nature</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to support work relating to climate and nature by determining a scrutiny process focused on the relevant key priorities within the Corporate Plan.</p>	TBC - Needs to be Scoped using Kloe Document	PH – Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Cllr Andy Hadley	Report Information KLOE Document
2.	<p>Redhill Paddling Pool</p> <p>To investigate how Council arrived at the current situation and investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open and report back to full Council.</p>	Needs to be Scoped using KLOE Document	TBC	<p>Item added to the work plan in April 2025 following a referral from Council in response to a petition.</p> <p>KLOE Document</p>
3.	<p>Christchurch Harbour</p> <p>To consider options for a potential Christchurch Harbour Protection Policy and inclusion in the Local Plan.</p>	Needs to be scoped using KLOE Document	PH – Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Cllr Andy Hadley / Leader of the Council	This item was agreed to be added to the work plan at the meeting in May 2025.
4.	<p>Achieving Carbon Emission Neutrality</p> <p>To consider how the committee can contribute to and support the council in reaching its net zero targets by 2030.</p>	<p>TBC - Further work on this will be informed by the LAEP report. It may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Fleet • Housing, • Energy Supply Procurement Strategy. 	PH – Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Cllr Andy Hadley	It was agreed to add this to the Work Plan in November 2024 following recommendations from the Budget framework working group
5.	<p>Community Owned Renewable Energy</p> <p>To consider in-depth, options around community owned renewable energy and support provided for this from the Council.</p>	TBC – KLOE Document to be completed	PH – Climate Response, Environment and Energy, PH – Community and Partnerships	

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6.	<p>Temporary Accommodation Strategy</p> <p>To consider the development of the Temporary Accommodation Strategy at an appropriate time in its development.</p>	TBC	PH - Housing	It was agreed to add this to the Work Plan in November 2024 following recommendations from the Budget framework working group
7.	<p>Safer Accommodation Strategy Review</p> <p>To consider a review of the provision of safe accommodation and associated commissioning</p>	TBC	PH - Housing	It was agreed to add this to the Work Plan in April 2025 following recommendations from the Safe Accommodation Strategy Working Group
8.	<p>Development of Safe Accommodation Strategy KPI's</p> <p>To consider the development of KPIs related to the Safe Accommodation Strategy through test and challenge to draft measures.</p>	Committee Report	PH - Housing	It was agreed to add this to the Work Plan in April 2025 following recommendations from the Safe Accommodation Strategy Working Group
9.	<p>Update on the Implementation of the Safe Accommodation Strategy</p> <p>To review the progress in the strategy and wider domestic abuse work, including monitoring of associated KPIs.</p>	<p>TBC - consider whether this should be part of a wider housing update.</p> <p>Cross cutting with other O&S Bodies - all Chair's to be invited.</p>	PH - Housing	<p>It was agreed to add this to the Work Plan in April 2025 following recommendations from the Safe Accommodation Strategy Working Group</p> <p>Annual Update requested -</p>
10.	<p>Pedestrian Crossing Update</p>	Cllr Rice to verbally update at meetings		Update as and when there is information to come through.

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11.	Van Life – Community Pact Item to consider the potential for a community pact for vehicle dwellers, including potential designated safe parking areas. Enquiry Session – to be scoped using KLOE Document	TBC		Item added to the work plan following request from Council in December 2024 Report Information
12.	Building Regs Update - NEW			Follow on from previous meeting item as Government paper was due out Autumn 25
13.	Play Streets Updates - NEW			Added in October 25 meeting
Working Groups				
	There are no currently operating working groups or requests agreed for a working group.			
Item suggestions for Briefing Sessions				
	Chemicals Scrutiny – Information session requested for this at May 2024 meeting.	Informal Briefing		This requires further scoping – KLOE document

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