

Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan Framework 2026/27 - updated 07/05/2026

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, EXPERIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT**
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.

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| Meeting Date: 18 May 2026 | | | | |
| 1. | Social Value Statement To consider the Cabinet report presenting the Council's proposed Social Value Statement | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report | Chief Executive / PH – Transformation, Resources and Governance & PH – Communities and Partnerships | O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports |
| 2. | Local Plan Process Scrutiny of the latest Cabinet report which sets out the key elements needed for the preparation of the Local Plan | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report | Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council | O&S Board selected this as a key issue in its work planning process |
| 3. | Response from Cabinet on Consultation Framework To receive updates from the Portfolio Holder on the recommendations. | Update from Cabinet Portfolio Holders | Portfolio Holder for Customer, Communications and Culture. | The recommendations were made to Cabinet on |

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| Meeting Date: 15 June 2026 | | | | |
| 1. | Growth Plan – Regeneration To consider the developing Growth Plan for regeneration prior to future consideration by Cabinet | Committee Report | Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council | |
| 2. | Medium Term Financial Plan and Finance Strategy Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | Initially expected at May Cabinet |
| 3. | Quarter 4 Financial Outturn 2025/26 To consider the financial outturn for 2025/26 | Pre-decision scrutiny of a Cabinet report | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | Initially expected at July Cabinet |
| Meeting Date: 13 July 2026 | | | | |
| 1. | Bournemouth Town Centre Progress To consider a report on the current progress on this issue including Citizens' Panel work and HSRA. | Committee Report with invite to Jessica Toale, MP and Citizen Panel members | Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure and Commercial operations and Leader of the Council | KLOE document updated and provided to officers – extended slot – up to 2 hours if needed. |
| 2. | Domestic Abuse Strategies To consider a Cabinet report which outlines the proposed strategies for approval. | Pre-Decision scrutiny of a Cabinet Report | Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH Housing and Regulatory Services | Not currently on the Cabinet Forward Plan but expected to be considered at the July meeting |

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| Meeting Date: 24 August 2026 | | | | |
| 1 | Asset Transfer and Disposal Process (TBC) | Committee Report | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | KLOE document to be completed – seeking contributions from Board Members |
| 2. | Planning Performance Update To receive an update from Planning on current performance and issues highlighted within the key lines of enquiry document and potential to include information on planning requested in the Lower Gardens item requested. | Committee Report | Director of Planning - Leader of the Council | |
| | Cabinet Feedback on O&S recommendations from April to June | Verbal update from Cabinet Portfolio Holders | Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council | Using the currently completed KLOE – Board members are asked to contribute any further issues |
| Meeting Date: 21 September 2026 | | | | |
| | Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports |
| | Potential update on Local Plan (TBC) | TBC | Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council | |

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| Meeting Date: 19 October 2026 | | | | |
| | Quarter 1 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation. | Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | |
| | Regeneration update item (TBC) | Committee Report | | |
| Meeting Date: 16 November 2026 | | | | |
| | Devolution (TBC) | | | |
| Meeting Date: 7 December 2026 | | | | |
| | Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update. | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports |
| | Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined | | | |
| | Quarter 2 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation. | Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports |
| Meeting Date: 4 January 2027 | | | | |

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| | Local Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report Scrutiny of the annual report in the Board's role as designated crime and disorder scrutiny body. | Committee Report – Invite to Chair of the partnership | Corporate Director for Wellbeing – PH Housing and Regulatory Services | |
| Meeting Date: 1 February 2027 – BUDGET MEETING | | | | |
| | 2027/28 Proposed Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan | Scrutiny of Cabinet Report and verbal updates from Directors | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports |
| | Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined | | | |
| Meeting Date: 22 February 2027 | | | | |
| | Town Councils To consider a progress report on how the Town Councils are developing and any issues which have arisen since their formation. | Committee Report | Leader of the Council / PH – Communities and Partnerships | |
| Meeting Date: 22 March 2027 | | | | |
| | Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined – | | | |
| | Quarter 3 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation. | Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information | Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance | O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports |

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| Items for scrutiny (Meeting dates and/or methods to be determined) | | | | |
| | <p>Regeneration Updates (x2)</p> <p>Regeneration was a strong focus for the Board in work planning and it is expected that the Board will consider at least 2 further regeneration reports during the municipal year - the timing of these will need to be scheduled.</p> | Committee Reports (TBC) | Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council | One update suggested for October – remaining update to be scheduled |
| | <p>Local Plan Updates (x3)</p> <p>The Local Plan was a key priority for the O&S Board and as such it is expected that a number of updates will be considered by the Board – the timing of these will need to be scheduled.</p> | Committee Reports (TBC) | Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council | All to be scheduled in. |
| | <p>Estates and Asset Disposal (x2)</p> <p>This was also one of the most important areas identified – An initial report on the Asset transfer and disposal process is requested followed by a further reports on asset disposals later in the year</p> | Committee Reports (TBC) | Director of Finance / PH - Finance | Initial report scheduled for August meeting – following report to be scheduled for later in the year. |
| | <p>Councillor Involvement in the Complaints Process</p> <p>Initial rapporteur work being carried out. Report to come to a future Committee – date to be determined</p> | Committee Report | Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy | |

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| | Devolution The Board agreed to hold a slot for potential reactive scrutiny of this issue later in the year. | TBC | TBC | |
| | Domestic Abuse Strategies To consider a Cabinet report which outlines the proposed strategies. | Pre-Decision scrutiny of a Cabinet Report | Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH Housing and Regulatory Services | Currently on Cabinet FP with date TBD |
| Working Groups and items addressed through alternative scrutiny methods | | | | |
| | Residents Parking Policy It was suggested that this had high resident impact and could look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative practice in other councils • Creative solution-finding • Working alongside officers | Potential topic for a Working Group | Director of Commercial Operations / PH – Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations | Limited to one in depth piece of work across O&S bodies – suggestions from across scrutiny bodies to be agreed and prioritised by Chair's group |
| | Councillor involvement in the Complaints process The Board previously agreed to ask Cllr Aitkenhead as rapporteur to undertake to find out more information on this issue. | Initially through a Rapporteur to gather information – Cllr S Aitkenhead | | Cllr Aitkenhead will report on initial findings to the O&S Board meeting on 23 March |
| Briefing Sessions | | | | |

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| | Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2026/27: | | Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions | |
| | • 1 June 2026 | | Residents Parking Schemes | |
| | • Monday 27 July 2026 | | Homes England | |
| | • Monday 5 October 2026 | | Voluntary Sector / BIDS /Partnerships | |
| | • Monday 25 January 2027 | | Council Operating Model | |

Items not included in the work plan

The following are the items which the Board agreed not to progress during the work planning process:

1a. Licensing – It was agreed not to progress this item subject to a discussion with relevant officers to ascertain any value which the Board could add in this area. The issue recorded a low score using the prioritisation matrix.

3e. Dorset Heathlands Recreation Mitigation Strategy
3f. 3f Dorset Heathlands Air Quality Mitigation Strategy
3g. New Forest Recreation Mitigation Strategy
3h. Poole Harbour Recreation Mitigation Strategy



These issues all recorded a low score using the prioritisation matrix. A number of groups did not consider they could add value on these issues. Some commented that some of these issues may be better suited to the Environment and Place O&S Committee.

5a – Councillors and Officers working together – It was agreed not to progress this issue – It received a low prioritisation score in the matrix and the Board did not consider that it could add value in this area

5b – staff culture and satisfaction – It was agreed not to progress this issue. Although this scored in the mid range in prioritisation it was noted that no staff survey was planned until 2027 which limited the scope for scrutiny. However it was suggested that the Board could instead add value by inputting into questions within the survey.

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

6a – Council operating model – programme and projects centre of expertise – It was suggested that this was best suited towards a briefing topic

- 8b - Three towns challenges - This topic only received a mid to low score in the prioritisation matrix and it was therefore agreed not to progress this
- 8c - Working more collectively across BCP geographical areas - This was a legacy item but it was not considered that the Board would be able to add value at this stage and received lower scores in the prioritisation matrix.
- 9b - Accounting for social value in decision making - Although this received a low score it was agreed that it should be taken into account when the Board considered 9A - The Social Value Statement as pre-decision scrutiny

10b Business improvement districts – Received low prioritisation score but it was suggested that this would be suitable for a briefing session if time allowed.

11a Age-friendly communities progress – Agreed not to progress this at this stage as one or more groups did not consider further value could be added by scrutiny.

11b – Partnership working with voluntary and community centres – Agreed not to progress this at this stage as one or more groups did not consider further value could be added by scrutiny. It was suggested that this may be suitable for a briefing session.

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