

Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan Framework 2026/27 - updated 03/06/2026

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](#).

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
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				

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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
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 Council

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				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	
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 of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports

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

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	Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update.			
	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				
	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				

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	<p>Town Councils</p> <p>To consider a progress report on how the Town Councils are developing and any issues which have arisen since their formation.</p>	Committee Report	Leader of the Council / PH – Communities and Partnerships	
Meeting Date: 22 March 2027				
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined –			
	<p>Quarter 3 Financial Outturn Report</p> <p>To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.</p>	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports
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</p>	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	All to be scheduled in.

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	considered by the Board – the timing of these will need to be scheduled.			
	Estates and Asset Disposal (x2) 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	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Finance / PH - Finance	Initial report scheduled for August meeting – following report to be scheduled for later in the year.
	Councillor Involvement in the Complaints Process Initial rapporteur work being carried out. Report to come to a future Committee – date to be determined	Committee Report	Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy	
	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:	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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative practice in other councils Creative solution-finding Working alongside officers 			agreed and prioritised by Chair's group
	<p>Councillor involvement in the Complaints process</p> <p>The Board previously agreed to ask Cllr Aitkenhead as rapporteur to undertake to find out more information on this issue.</p>	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
	<p>Charminster Library</p> <p>To consider the maintenance and related issues for library(ies). The scope of this item is still to be determined by the Board.</p>	Potential Rapporteur (to be appointed) Work followed by a Committee Report.	PH – Customer, Communication and Culture	A KLOE is being developed for this issue. Request agreed to be added to the work plan – 18 May 2026.
	Briefing Sessions			
	Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2026/27:		Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions (TBC)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 27 July 2026 		Homes England	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 5 October 2026 		Voluntary Sector / BIDS /Partnerships	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 25 January 2027 		Council Operating Model	

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