

Appendix 2 – All items suggested for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2025/26

| Scrutiny Topic | Suggested by | Reason for Suggestion | Scrutiny Officer Notes | Accepted / Rejected (If rejected include reason why) | Suggested Committee to review (If approved) |
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| Performance Review | Stuart Sambrook (Policy Manager) | To monitor and review Council performance. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Draft Climate Strategy and Action Plan | Stuart Sambrook (Policy Manager) | To review and comment on the Council's new Climate Strategy and Action Plan. | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Corporate Strategy | Stuart Sambrook (Policy Manager) | To review the new Corporate Strategy. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Hyndburn Leisure Services Annual Review | Public | To provide a progress report on the Hyndburn Leisure Trust after recent changes to operations. | Agreed Standing Item | Accepted | Resources |
| Household Support Fund | Lee Middlehurst (Head of Benefits, Revenues & Customer Contact) | To provide an update on the operational function of the Household Support Fund within the Council. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Review of the use and cost of Consultants by the Council | Public | For Members to scrutinise the selection criteria/process when using consultants; to understand if the cost of projects built in a percentage for consultancy fees; and how decisions for using consultants are made. | | Accepted | Resources |
| The cost and effect on Council services of employing agency staff. | Public | To scrutinise the reason for using agency staff and the cost of this to the Council. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Review of HMOs | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review the impact of HMOs in the borough. | | Accepted | Resources |

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| Review of Empty Homes | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review the number of empty homes and plans to reduce this. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Derelict Buildings Review | Cllr Steven Smithson | The number in the borough and any plans to bring the buildings back into use. | | Rejected A review of empty homes would include elements of this. | Resources |
| Oswaldtwistle Civic Theatre | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review progress in bringing the Theatre back into use. | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Recycling Review | Cllr Steven Smithson | How can recycling be improved across the borough? | | Rejected – considered in part last municipal year. | Resources |
| Review of Events | Cllr Steven Smithson | A review of the cost and value of events. | | Accepted | Special |
| Flytipping | Cllr Steven Smithson | To scrutinise enforcement data and fines. | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Skip Days | Cllr Steven Smithson | A review of the service | | Rejected – considered in part last municipal year. | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Sport Pitch fees | Cllr Steven Smithson | A review of costs and uptake of the pitches. | | Rejected – considered last municipal year. | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Pest Control | Cllr Steven Smithson | To provide a service update. | | Rejected – reviewed in recent past. | Resources |
| Onward Homes | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review social housing services. | | Rejected – scrutinised last municipal year. | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Climate Emergency | Cllr Steven Smithson | To consider the green agenda and net zero targets | | Accepted – similar request. | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Dog Warden | Cllr Steven Smithson | To provide an update on service and enforcement | | Rejected – reviewed in recent past. | Resources |
| Allotments | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review the service, value for money and empty plots | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Food Hygiene ratings | Cllr Steven Smithson | How many businesses are compliant and work to improve. | | Rejected – a possible item for future scrutiny. | Resources |
| Parks and Open Spaces | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review service provision including managing anti-social behaviour, maintenance costs, waste bins in parks and green flag status. | | Rejected – considered in part last municipal year. | Resources |
| Grass Cutting | Cllr Steven Smithson | To review the provision of service. | | Rejected – a possible item for future scrutiny. | Resources |

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| Transparency and Communication | Councillor Zak Khan | To review transparency and communication of the Council to the public. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review (Rec. 7 of the CPC Action Plan) | Resources |
| Appointment of Scrutiny Chairs and Co-optees | Councillor Zak Khan | To review the appointment of Scrutiny Chairs and Co-optees. | | Rejected – constitutional item reviewed annually. | Resources |
| Council reputation and relationship management | Councillor Zak Khan | To review the Council's reputation and relationship management with external partners, organisations, businesses. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review (Recs. 3,4 & 10 of the CPC Action Plan). | Resources |
| Ability for Councillors & Cabinet to hold Executive to account. | Councillor Zak Khan | To review the ability for Councillors and Cabinet to hold the Executive to account. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review (Recs. 2 & 8 of the CPC Action Plan) | Resources |
| Internal culture, attitude and behaviours | Councillor Zak Khan | To review internal culture, attitude and behaviours. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review/constitutional item reviewed annually. | Resources |
| Council's role in Place Making. | Councillor Zak Khan | To review the success and weaknesses of the Council's role in Place Making and to consider an improvement plan. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review (Rec. 3 of the Action Plan) | Resources |
| Relationship with neighbouring Councils. | Councillor Zak Khan | To scrutinise the Council's relationship with neighbouring Councils. | | Rejected – included within the Corporate Peer Challenge review. | Resources |
| Review of our response to the Peer Review Challenge | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic Services | To review the Council's response to the Corporate Peer Challenge. | | Rejected – considered by the Corporate Action Plan Working Group | Resources |
| Staff and Member Training | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic | To review training for staff and Members, including barriers to attendance, method of delivery etc. | | Rejected – considered by the Corporate Action Plan (Rec. 4 of the Action Plan) | Resources |

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| | Services | | | | |
| Review of Planning Enforcement | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic Services | To review the outcomes and resourcing of planning enforcement. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Prograss Report of Huncoat Garden Village | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic Services | To hold a 6 monthly review of the Huncoat Garden Village project. | | Accepted | Special |
| Review of Taxi Outsourcing | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic Services | To review progress on taxi outsourcing including MOTs/Maintenance etc. | | Accepted | Resources |
| Review of Corporate Strategy | Jane Ellis, Executive Director, Legal & Democratic Services | Review of progress against the Corporate Strategy objective. | | Accepted – duplicated request | Resources |
| Disabled Facilities Grants | Cllr Stephen Button | To consider the support and value of the DFG service to the community. | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Household Support Fund | Cllr Stephen Button | To provide a progress report on the Household Support Fund. | | Accepted – duplicated request | Resources |
| Dog Warden/Pest Control Services | Cllr Stephen Button | To provide an update on the services and monitor data relating to the range of work and successes of the services | | Rejected – reviewed in recent past. | Resources |
| Leisure Services – Health Initiatives | Cllr Stephen Button | To scrutinise the provision and impact of the Health Walk initiative and other similar initiatives on the borough's wellbeing | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |
| Access to swimming lessons provided by Hyndburn | Jane Ellis | To review the availability, cost and accessibility of swimming lessons provided by the Leisure Trust. | | Accepted | Communities & Wellbeing |

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| Leisure Trust | | | | | |
| Update on the Town Centre Dome Bid | Councillor Kate Walsh | To provide a progress report on the Dome bid and details of future plans. | | Accepted | Special |
| Financial Support to the Borough's Other Town Centre | Councillor Kate Walsh | To scrutinise the financial support provided to the borough's main town centre, other than Accrington. | | Accepted | Special |
| Local Government Reorganisation | Councillor Kate Walsh | To provide an update on the Council's submission and after the Government's response. | | Accepted | Special |
| Plan for Neighbourhood Funding | Councillor Kate Walsh | To provide an update on the 'Plan for Neighbourhood Funding' and the role of the Town Centre Neighbourhood Board in delivering this. | | Accepted | Special |