

Appendix 2 – All items suggested for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2026/27

Scrutiny Topic	Suggested by	Reason for Suggestion	Scrutiny Officer Notes	Accepted / Rejected (If rejected include reason why)	Suggested Committee to review (If approved)
Corporate Strategy	Stuart Sambrook (Policy Manager)	To review progress made on the Council's Corporate Strategy		Accepted	Resources
Food Waste Collection Update	Craig Haraben (Head of Environmental Services)	To provide an update on the food waste collection service implemented April 2026.		Accepted	Resources
Recycling	Cllr S. Smithson	To review recycling rates and how we can improve (Information on food waste collection compared to other Council and other recycling)		Repeated – Food Waste item accepted.	Resources
Skip Days	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of service – cost and value for money.		Accepted	Resources
Flytipping and Litter	Cllr S. Smithson	Enforcement action, cost to the Council to collect this.		Rejected – item previously reviewed in 2025-26	Resources
Derelict Buildings	Cllr S. Smithson	Review the number of derelict/empty buildings, any enforcement action and plans to reduce.		Rejected – item previously reviewed in 2023-24	Resources
HMOs	Cllr S. Smithson	To review the current numbers of HMOs and the impact of HMOs in the borough.		Rejected – item previously reviewed in 2024-25 & 2025-26	Resources
Cabinet Action Fund	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of organisations given money and what benefits this money has given, review of the process and how members come to decisions.		Accepted	Resources
Grass Cutting	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes.	Resources
Environmental Protection	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service (dirty backyards, enforcement action, burning in Hyndburn)		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes.	Resources

Planning Enforcement	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service.		Rejected -reviewed in 2025-26	Resources
Bulky Waste Collection and POPS collections	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service.		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Resources
Sports Pitch Fees	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of cost and uptake.		Accepted	Resources
Pest Control	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service.		Rejected – reviewed 2023-24	Resources
Food Hygiene	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of service and how many businesses are compliant and how can we improve.		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Resources
Parks and Open Spaces	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of the service, maintenance costs and green flags.		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Resources
Hyndburn Leisure Trust Update	Cllr C. Yates	To provide an update on Mercer Hall, Great Harwood, now that the first phase of repurposing has been completed and the facility has re-opened.		Accepted – standing item	Resources
Youth Provision	Cllr S. Eaves	To provide an update on provision of youth service in the Borough.		Accepted	Communities & Wellbeing
Youth Initiatives	Cllr S. Fazal	Funding for youth initiatives to help young people have access to high quality, character building, activities that will keep them occupied in positive activity, reduce anti-social behaviour and build community cohesion.		Repeated – under Youth Provision item	Communities & Wellbeing
Review of Hyndburn Pension Scheme	Cllr S. Fazal	Due to issues relating to the Israel/Gaza war, should HBC be insisting that its pension contributions to the LCC Scheme be divested from any companies linked to the Israel Government or those working in or		Rejected – excessive number of items for work programmes	Resources

		selling goods from the occupied Palestinian territories.			
Market Hall – Resource Implications	Cllr S. Button	Resource implications around the completion of, opening phase of the Market Hall.		Accepted	Special
Town Centre – Resources Implication	Cllr S. Button	Resources implications in respect of Town Centre regeneration.		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Resources
Digital Transformation (including AI)	Cllr S. Button	To review digital transformation in the Council and the use of AI in improving service efficiency.		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Resources
Local Government Review (LGR)	Cllr S. Button	Consideration of Local Government Review in respect of implications around the Borough's key assets or services.		Accepted	Resources
Pension Provision	Cllr S. Button	To consider the rising resource implications of pension provision on the Council's finances and to assess the risks and considerations for LGR.		Rejected – excessive number of items for work programmes	Resources
Environmental and Sustainability Issues	Cllr S. Button	To review how resource implications affect progress with the environment and sustainability.			Resources
Onward Homes	Cllr S. Smithson	Review of Social Housing Services		Rejected – excessive number of items for the work programmes	Communities & Wellbeing
Dog Warden	Cllr S. Smithson	Update on the service and enforcement.		Accepted	Resources
Parent and Infant Relationship Service (PAIRS)	Cllr Yates	This is a new service to Hyndburn, commissioned by the ICB. PAIRS is already established in the unitary authorities of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, but Hyndburn are lucky to be chosen as the first site in Lancashire. It would be good for the Council to be aware of the important work they do and offer any support they could.		Accepted	Communities and Wellbeing

Community Tensions	Cllr S. Fazal	Issues around community tensions arising from the anti-muslim narrative and how that is driving community tensions and a rise in the number of Islamophobic incidents. What can the Council do to counter the narrative and bring communities together.		Repeated – item would come under Community Safety Partnership (a standing item)	Communities and Wellbeing
Local Plan Update	Cllr S. Button	Review of the Local Plan (the Local Plan is due to be presented around the 16 th July at Full Council)		Accepted	Special
Regenerating Accrington Town Centre as a safe and welcoming place.	Cllr S. Fazal	How can regeneration of the town centre contribute to making Accrington town centre a place where everyone feels safe and welcome. What role does this have for supporting the drive to get young people involved in regeneration and positive activity?		Repeated – item could be included under the standing item Levelling Up Progress report	Special
Review events	Cllr S. Smithson	Cost and value for money and the benefits they bring to Hyndburn.		Accepted	Special
Devolution	Public	When Hyndburn becomes part of a larger Council how will decisions be made about the amount of money spent on each area? How will expenditure be approved? Will expenditure for individual areas be identified and reported? How will the total amount held in reserves be decided? Will there one main administration centre for the larger council? If so, how will its location be decided? How will Hyndburn Leisure & Community Centres be affected by the creation of a larger Council?		Repeated – item can be included under Local Government Review	Resources

		How will the location of funding by central government be allocated? Will residents be kept informed about the process of changing to a larger council? What will happen to any reserves held by an individual council for planned projects: How will FOI requests for information about individual areas be answered? Will each area keep their own records which will then be incorporated into a larger report? How will FOI requests for information about individual areas be answered? Will each area keep their own records which will then be incorporated into a larger report? How will the Councillors who make up the new larger Council be decided: Do all Councils use the same accounting software now? If not, does that mean extra spending on software for some Councils? Will Utility contracts and supplier contracts have to be renegotiated for the new larger Council? As an Officer of Great Harwood RBL, I am involved in inviting local Councillors to our events, will this change going forward if no Councillor from my local area be elected to the new Council? How will council tax be calculated? Hyndburn Council currently use employment agencies for various reasons one being the salaries they are allowed to offer are not			
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		comparative with other industries under the new Council, will there be any change to the level of salaries able to be offered to offset the use of agency staff. Will Devolution effect jobs within each existing Council?			
High Street Accelerator fund spending	Public	How was all the funding spent both on the High Street and the Greening Project? Were the people on the Accelerator Panel kept up to date with fund spending, by issuing regular financial reports? Were the panel advised about any consultancy fees which were being paid from the Accelerator funding? If any spend attracted recoverable VAT, was the full cost deducted from the Accelerator Fund ? Were all decisions discussed between and agreed by all the panel?		Rejected – excessive items for the work programmes	Resources
Freedom of Information Requests	Public	How are FOI requests processed? How many FOI'S have been requested over the last 2 years? What are the main topics of FOI' S over the last 2 years? What is the % of late replies for FOI'S for the last 2 years?		Rejected – excessive items for the work programmes	Resources
Leases for Council Owned Buildings	Public	How are the maintenance responsibilities split between the Council and the leaseholder? Please supply facts and figures relating to the building leased by the Council.		Rejected – excessive items for the work programmes	Resources

		What are the lease charges per building based on ?			
Hyndburn Family Hub	Cllr S. Eaves	To inform Members of the services of the Hyndburn Family Hub		Accepted	Communities and Wellbeing
Hyndburn Children's Services	Cllr S. Eaves	To receive an update from Hyndburn Children's Services and its impact on the Borough.		Accepted	Communities and Wellbeing
NEET (18-24 year olds not in employment, education and training)	Officer	To consider the impact of NEET on residents of Hyndburn and how to provide support.		Accepted	Communities and Wellbeing.