

Scrutiny Management Board
 Work Programme 2025/26


Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice. The information in this work programme is intended to be of strategic relevance.

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Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for Consideration	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
23 July 2025	Finance Monitoring Report	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Finance Council-wide	Helen Slater
	Risk Monitoring Report	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Risk Monitoring Council-wide	Paul Stephens
	Leader's Forward Plan	Standing Item	To maintain sight of upcoming decisions and inform work programming	The Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance
	Update from Scrutiny Chairs and Work Programmes	Standing Item	To appropriately work programme across Scrutiny Panels to ensure coordination of agenda items	All Scrutiny Chairs
	SMB Work Programme	Standing Item	To consider topics for inclusion in future agendas	SMB Chair
	SMB Action Log	Standing Item	To maintain oversight of actions and ensure completion.	SMB Chair
	Cyber Risk and Response Briefing		Requested report	Cllr Sue Dann + Pete Honeywell
24 September 2025	Select Committee Review PID – Cycling in the City Centre	3	To review draft PID for a Select Committee Review	Elliot Wearne-Gould
	Finance Monitoring Report	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Finance Council-wide.	Helen Slater + Ian Trisk-Gove

	Corporate Plan Performance Report –KPIs	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Corp Plan Performance Council-wide.	Paul Stephens
	Risk Monitoring Report (to inform work programming)	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Risk Monitoring Council-wide.	Paul Stephens
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05 November 2025 Moved to 12 November 2025	Draft of the Local Government Reorganisation Business Case	5	Pre-decision To provide an update on the draft Local Government Reorganisation proposal.	Emmanuelle Marshall + Paul Barnard + Ross Jago
	People Strategy	4	Pre-decision A comprehensive and evolving framework that outlines how the Council supports, develops, and empowers its workforce to meet the city's current and future needs.	Chris Squire + Cllr Dann
	(Prevention Strategy) City Help and Support Programme	4	Pre-decision An initiative is designed to address medium and long-term spending on crisis interventions by shifting to a more proactive and integrated service model. The approach is rooted in a Prevention-First strategy and aims to build on, connect, and scale the great work already happening across the city.	Thomas Fowler + Cllr Dann
	Finance Monitoring Report M6	Standing Item	Maintain oversight of Finance Council-wide.	Helen Slater + Ian Trisk-Grove

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28 January 2026	Anticipated Budget Scrutiny Period			All Cabinet Members + All Lead Officers
11 March 2026	Hybrid Working Strategy	4	Pre-decision Following consultation with Unions and Staff.	Chris Squire + Cllr Dann
	Civic Centre Redevelopment	4	Pre-decision Requested at 24 September Session due to cross-cutting issues	David Draffan
	City Centre Master planning	4	Pre-decision Requested at 24 September Session due to cross-cutting issues	Mike Artherton
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Items to be scheduled for 2025/26				
2025/26	Plan for Budget Scrutiny	4	Annual Planning for Budget Scrutiny	Ian Trisk-Grove + Elliot Wearne-Gould
2025/26	Staffing vacancies and vacancy savings	3	Added at 24 September 2025 meeting – minute 20. Agreed to schedule further scrutiny of legal and finance department vacancies and staffing demand following commencement of a business case.	
Items to be scheduled for 2026/27				
2026/27				
Items Identified for Select Committee Reviews				
2025/26	Cycling/Food Delivery in the City Centre	3	Identified for consideration in 2025 following safety concerns of pedestrians	SMB Chair/Glenn Caplin-Grey

Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool (P-Score)

Criteria	Explanation	Yes (=1)	Evidence
P ublic Interest	Is it an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and/or the community?		
A bility	Could Scrutiny have an influence?		
P erformance	Is this an area of underperformance?		
E xtent	Does the topic affect people living, working, or studying in more than one electoral ward of Plymouth?		
R eplication	Will this be the only opportunity for public scrutiny?		
	Is the topic due planned to be the subject of an Executive Decision?		
Total:			High/Medium/Low

Priority	Score
High	5-6
Medium	3-4
Low	1-2