

Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel
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	Responsible Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
09 July 2025	Plan for Homes 4: Year 1 Progress Report	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Penberthy/Matt Garrett/Nick Carter/Neil Mawson
	Economic Intelligence and Insight	Standing Item	Standing Item	David Draffan/Amanda Ratsey/Lauren Paton
	Productive Growth and High Value Jobs (Economic Strategy Pillar 1)	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Evans OBE/David Draffan/Amanda Ratsey/Richard Davies
	Freeport Annual Update	3	Annual Update	Cllr Evans OBE/Richard May/Ian Cooper
Site Visit 15 August 2025	Naval Base Tour			
10 September 2025	Skills (Economic Strategy Pillar 5)	4	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Cresswell/David Draffan/Tina Brinkworth/Amanda Davis
Site Visit 07 October 2025	Tinside Tour			

15 October 2025	Inclusive Growth (Economic Strategy Pillar 2)	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Penberthy/Anna Peachey/Amanda Ratsey/Lindsey Hall
	Plan for Nature and People	4	Added at agenda set 10 Sept 2025	Cllr Briars-Delve/Kat Deeney
	Brand Strategy	3	Added by Chair 18 Sept 2025	Cllr Evans OBE/Amanda Lumley
	The Box Annual Update	3	Annual Update	Cllr Laing/Victoria Pomery/Rebecca Bridgman
03 December 2025	Sustainable Growth (Economic Strategy Pillar 3) (To include Economic Intelligence and Insight)	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Briars-Delve/Amanda Ratsey/Richard Stevens
	Tree Management Principles Document	5	As part of a Council Motion/pre-decision scrutiny	Cllr Briars-Delve/Kat Deeney
	Plymouth Plan Update and Review	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Stephens/Paul Barnard/Jonathan Bell/Rebecca Miller/Sarah Gooding
	Plymouth Local Plan: Next Steps and Timetable	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Stephens/Paul Barnard/Jonathan Bell/Rebecca Miller
	Civic Pride and Regeneration (Economic Strategy Pillar 4)	4	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Evans/Matt Ward/Victoria Pomery/Chris Duggan/Sheila Nethercott
	Visitor Plan/Culture Plan Annual update	3	Annual Update	Cllr Laing/Hannah Harris/Amanda Lumley/James McKenzie

04 February 2026				Blackman/Paul Fieldsend-Danks
	Draft Net Zero Action Plan 2026-29 & Draft Net Zero Route Map	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Briars-Delve/Paul Barnard/Jonathan Bell
	Chelson Meadow Solar Farm	5	Agreed via recommendation at the March 2023 meeting that there would be an update. Officers confirmed June 2025 that there was an update.	Cllr Briars-Delve/Kat Deeney
	Port Strategy	3	Added for 2025/26	Cllr Evans/Amanda Ratsey
	National Marine Park Annual Update	3	Annual Update	Cllr Evans/Cllr Briars-Delve/Elaine Hayes/Kat Deeney
	Plymouth Waterfront Partnership - 2027-32 Business Improvement District	4	Suggestion by officers November 2025	Cllr Evans/David Draffan/Patrick Knight
Items to be scheduled for 2025/26				
2025/26	Civic Centre	5	Added following Cabinet action March 2025	Cllr Evans OBE/David Draffan
2025/26	City Centre Master-planning	4	Added following a work programming session with SMB in Aug 2025	Cllr Evans OBE/Stuart Wingfield/Emma Wilson
2025/26	Co-op Strategy	4	Added prior to pre meet on 10 June 2024.	Cllr Penberthy/Anna Peachey/Amanda Ratsey
2025/26	Commercial Estate	4	Identified for consideration by the	Cllr Penberthy/David Draffan

			Committee at the February 2022 meeting.	
2025/26	Plymouth Plan Full Council Motion (To ensure that play was embedded into the plan and that it set a framework for a play delivery plan with targeted interventions)		Action from City Council 18 September 2023.	Cllr Stephens/Jonathan Bell
Items to be scheduled for 2026/27				
2026/27	Freeport Annual Update	3	Annual Update	Cllr Evans OBE/David Draffan/Ian Cooper
2026/27	Update on Plan for Homes inc modelling on long term impact new homes/jobs impact will have on rent	4	Action from 09 July 2025 Panel meeting. To include Min 4ll	Cllr Penberthy/Paul Barnard/Nick Carter
2026/27	Strategic Heat Network Procurement	5	Identified for consideration at the October 2024 meeting.	Cllr Briars-Delve/John Green/Jonathan Selman
Items Identified for Select Committee Reviews				
2026/27	Water/Flooding		Identified for consideration at the 15 October 2025 meeting	

Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool

		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