

## Housing and Community Services 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.**

For general enquiries relating to the Council's Scrutiny function, including this Committee's work programme, please contact Elliot Wearne-Gould (Democratic Advisor).

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Prioritisation Score</b>	<b>Reason for Consideration</b>	<b>Responsible Cabinet Member/Lead Officer</b>
<b>16 July 2025</b>	Grit Bin Policy Review	3	Following planned changes to Grit Bin provision / policy	Cllr Stephens/Andy Sharp
	Central Park Ponds Project	4	Amanda Pannell (petition author) has emailed to say the actions haven't been completed. Item was added to work programme for re-consideration in 2024/25.	Cllr Tom Briars-Delve/Kat Deeney
<b>22 October 2025</b>	Building Bridges to Opportunity Update	4	Report to be brought back to Scrutiny prior to being presented to Cabinet	Cllr Penberthy/Steve Maddern
	Homelessness Services Update - Planned savings in homelessness services	3	Action from Budget Scrutiny	Councillor Penberthy/Jackie Kings
	City Centre Car Parking	3	Added at the 16 July 2025 meeting	Cllr Stephens/Mike Artherton
	Renters Rights Bill	3	Changes in renters rights	Cllr Penberthy/Matt

			through new bill/law	Garrett/Dave Ryland
<b>10 December 2025</b>	Plymouth Active Leisure	3	Pre-decision	Cllr Dann/Liz Slater
	Public Toilets Strategy Review	3	Motion on Notice from 19 January 2024 meeting of City Council	Cllr Penberthy/Ann Thorp
	Central Park Ponds	3	Requested a written update 22 October meeting following comms release of further delays.	Kat Deeney / Cllr Briars-Delve
	Commemorations and Celebrations PCC Policy	3	Pre-Decision of Commemorations and Celebrations PCC Policy	Glenda Favor-Ankersen/Cllr Chris Penberthy
<b>11 February 2026</b>	Anti-social Behaviour	3	Update on performance of ASB team.	Cllr Haydon Matt Garrett
	Community Cohesion	3	CRF funding. Updated data from the City Survey.	Matt Garrett Gary Walbridge Cllr Penberthy
	Community Safety	3	Partnership Update (annual update – priorities and delivery)	Cllr Haydon Matt Garrett D&C Police
	Community Empowerment Programme (Thriving Communities programme)	3	Progress Update. Outcomes and future.	Professor Steve Maddern Cllr Haydon Zoe Sydenham
	Renters Rights Bill	3	Brief update on latest developments of RRB and any implications for PCC	Matt Garrett Cllr Penberthy
<b>Items to be scheduled for 2025/26</b>				

<b>2025/26</b>	Building Bridges to Opportunity	(3)	Pre-decision scrutiny. Agreed to return prior to Cabinet Decision.	Councillor Penberthy
<b>2025/26</b>	Housing and Homelessness	(3)	Breakdown of households approaching the Council for housing advice. Geographic and demographic trends. Updates on the implications of the national budget for housing provision.	Councillor Penberthy
<b>2025/26</b>	Renters Rights Bill	(3)	Agreed to receive ongoing updates on progress, including any significant policy changes or implications for enforcement.	Councillor Penberthy
<b>2025/26</b>	Food Waste	3	Post-decision scrutiny of Food Waste collections and recycling.	Andy Sharp Councillor Tom Briars-Delve
<b>2025/26</b>	Allotments	(2)	Requested at 22 October meeting	Chris Avent Councillor Penberthy
<b>Items to be scheduled for 2026/27</b>				
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<b>Items Identified for Select Committee Reviews</b>				

**Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool**

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

Priority	Score
<b>High</b>	<b>5-6</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>3-4</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>1-2</b>