Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel
Work Programme 2025/26

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

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).

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
16 July 2025	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
22 October 2025	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
10 December 2025	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 Commemoratio ns and Celebrations PCC Policy	Glenda Favor-Ankersen/Cllr Chris Penberthy
11 February 2025	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 Penberthy Zoe Sydenham
	Renters Rights Bill	3	Latest developments of RRB and any implications for PCC	Matt Garrett Cllr Penberthy
Items to be scheduled for 2026/27				
2026/27	Building Bridges to Opportunity	(3)	Pre-decision scrutiny. Agreed to return prior	Councillor Penberthy

			to Cabinet Decision.	
2026/27	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
2026/27	Renters Rights Bill	(3)	Agreed to receive ongoing updates on progress, including any significant policy changes or implications for enforcement.	Councillor Penberthy
2026/27	Food Waste	3	Post-decision scrutiny of Food Waste collections and recycling.	Andy Sharp Councillor Tom Briars-Delve
2026/27	Allotments	(2)	Requested at 22 October meeting	Chris Avent Councillor Penberthy
Items Identified for Select Committee Reviews				

Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool

		Yes (=1)	Evidence
Public Interest	Is it an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and/or the community?		
Ability	Could Scrutiny have an influence?		
Performance	Is this an area of underperformance?		
Extent	Does the topic affect people living, working, or studying in more than one electoral ward of Plymouth?		
Replication	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**