

Place and Resources Overview Committee Draft Work Programme

Meeting Date: 12 February 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Biodiversity Duty report 2023-25	This report outlines the actions taken by DC Council to comply with the Biodiversity Duty under the Environment Act 2021. It presents DC's first report on biodiversity summarising policies, objectives and actions to conserve and enhance biodiversity across the whole council.	Bridget Betts, Amy Smith, Local Nature Recovery officer, Josh Morris, Graduate Management Trainee Cllr Nick Ireland (Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance & Safeguarding)	To be agreed by Cabinet with the Overview Committees recommendations 3 March 2026
E-scooter hire scheme: Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester; and, Upton and Corfe Mullen	The paper going to Overview Committee considers how the Authority should take advantage of the DfT's offer to local authorities to allow e-scooter rental trials.	Christopher Whitehouse Jon Andrews, Place Services	Postponed to a future meeting
Working with Communities	To endorse the approach to working with communities in 2026 and 2027. To approve a Statement of Reasonable Expectations with Town Councils	Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	To be agreed by Cabinet with the Overview Committees recommendations 3 March 2026

Meeting Date: 26 March 2026

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RoWIP - Rights of Way Improvement Plan	In preparation for the full public consultation of this document, the committee will have the opportunity to comment on draft RoWIP prior to full consultation.	Russell Goff, Greenspace Manager Jon Andrews, Place Services	Pre-consultation discussion, may return to Place and Resources Overview in July post consultation ahead of final decision by Cabinet
Leisure Strategy	Strategy report to determine the future of leisure centre provision.	Paul Rutter, Service Manager for Leisure Services Jon Andrews, Place Services	*Postponed* Going to Cabinet on 21 April 2026 for initial discussion and will come to Place and Resources Overview when more developed.
Culture strategy	Strategy document to shape the future direction of arts, culture and heritage across the Dorset Council area.	Paul Rutter, Service Manager for Leisure Services Jon Andrews, Place Services	Going to Cabinet on 21 April for decision
Traffic enforcement policy	TBC	Laura Russ, Implementation Team Manager	

Future items requested-

20mph speed limits in partnership with town and Parish Councils

Hedge to hedge

Road Safety

Market Town Strategy

Parking

Informal work of the committee:

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