

Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme

Meeting Date: 24 September 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Scrutiny	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Councillor Nick Ireland Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Sickness Absence and Workforce Data Deep dive	A report to address the key lines of enquiry around workforce sickness absence, employee wellbeing and workforce approaches.	Christopher Matthews, Head of People and workforce Councillor Nick Ireland Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology update report	To review the bi-annual progress report on the Dorset Council Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy	Antony Littlechild, Team Manager Sustainability Bridget Betts, Environment/Policy/Partnership Manager Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	

10 December 2026

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Assets and Property Accessibility	A report to address the key lines of enquiry around the corporate estate and its accessibility.	Jess Maskrey Head of Service - Assets & Property Richard Biggs	
Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology update report	To review the bi-annual progress report on the Dorset Council Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy	Antony Littlechild, Team Manager Sustainability Bridget Betts, Environment/Policy/Partnership Manager Councillor Nick Ireland Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	

27 January 2027

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan		Sean Cremer – Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer)	

17 March 2027

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Our Future Council (OFC)	To receive a report on the progress made towards the saving targets and transformation objectives of the Our Future Council programme during year 2	Nina Coakley - Head of Transformation and Design Cllr Ben Wilson - Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation	

Pending items:

- FOI and assurance regular update
- The Local Enforcement plan post implementation review
- Emergency planning report
- Rights of way improvement plan review

Annual items:

- Strategic Asset Management Plan update – September
- Corporate Complaints Team – Annual Report – November

Bi-annual items:

- Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology – progress report – July and November

Alternate meeting items:

- Performance Scrutiny – informal session held before each committee occurrence - June, November, January, April.

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers	Other Information
21 September 2026	Understanding accessibility	webinar	All committee members	Kelly Flynn	A lived experience session with the Disability Employee Network to add context to site visits ahead of the Assets and Accessibility report in November
September and October 2026	Committee site visits across a selection of assets across the DC estate	Site Visits	All committee members attending sites local to their ward.	Jess Maskrey James Lee	Specific sites to be identified that are in active use and likely to remain in the DC assets portfolio for a minimum of 18 months.
Quarterly	Review of the committee's performance and risk dashboards	Informal meeting	All committee members	Chris Heighway (Strategic Performance Intelligence & Risk)	Review of the dashboards to identify potential future areas for review by the committee