

Climate Change, Frontline Services & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Time	Overarching Item	Officer(s)	Cabinet Member(s)	Invited/ In attendance	Scrutiny Focus/Challenge
18 th June 4pm Workshop	2025/26 Forward Work Programme	Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development / Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change / Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure		Scrutiny & Challenge For Members to develop the work programme for the 2024/2025 Municipal year
17 th July 2025 5pm	Welsh Government 20mph Speed Limit	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development		To scrutinise the impact of the scheme (with consideration of the recent review on setting speed limits published by the WG)
	Cabinet Member Engagement	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		Scrutiny & Challenge - To scrutinise any matters the portfolio holder is responsible for and to ensure that the appropriate mechanisms are in place to effectively scrutinise the executive
30 th September 2025 5pm	Flood Alleviation Scheme Programme	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development / Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		To scrutinise the programme, the level of investment, the areas targeted and the impact that the work is having on communities throughout the County Borough.

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	The Council's Free/reduced bus travel initiatives	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline	Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure		To scrutinise Free/ Reduced Bus Travel initiatives across RCT, including Heads of the Valleys free transport initiatives.
5th November 2025 5pm	Cabinet Member Engagement	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development	Yes	Scrutiny & Challenge To scrutinise any matters the portfolio holder is responsible for and to ensure appropriate mechanisms are in place to effectively scrutinise the executive
	Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report	Director of Prosperity & Development	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development		Scrutiny & Challenge To pre scrutinise the programme, the level of investment, the areas targeted and the impact that the work is having on communities throughout the County Borough.
	Town Centre Events Programme	Director of Prosperity and Development	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development		To scrutinise the cost benefit of the Council's Town Centre Events Programme, including how the Council engages with Communities, inter-departmental working, Tourism opportunities, Town Centre footfall and a cost analysis of the economic benefits for the County Borough.
10th December 2025 5pm	Environment (Wales) Act Section 6 Biodiversity Duty	Director of Prosperity and Development	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		Scrutiny & Challenge To pre scrutinise the Environment (Wales) Section 6 Biodiversity Duty

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	RCT'S Peatland Programme	Director of Prosperity and Development	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		Scrutiny & Challenge To pre scrutinise RCT Peatland Programme, its progress, the proposed objectives for peatland management and the direction for future work.
	The standardisation of collections of residual household waste – one year on	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure		To scrutinise the performance of the Council's standardisation of collections of residual household waste since its introduction on the 30 th September 2024, including an analysis of RCT's Recycling Performance 205-26.
4th February 2026 5pm	Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)	Director of Corporate Estates	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		To scrutinise the local area energy plan for RCT and its future actions to implement more environmentally friendly sources of energy
	Modernising Town Centre's in RCT	Director of Prosperity and Development	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development		To scrutinise progress on developing and delivering town centre regeneration strategies in Rhondda Cynon Taf, including the Council's strategy in respect of Empty Town Centre properties.
	Highways Investment Scheme	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Prosperity & Development		To scrutinise the Council's Highways Investment Scheme within the County Borough (Incl. the asset management strategy and

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					investment strategy)
25th March 2026 5pm	Heritage Strategy	Head Of Arts Culture & Library Services	Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure		To scrutinise the progress made in safeguarding, preserving and making accessible local Heritage direct result of the investment programme throughout the County Borough
	Green Space Maintenance in RCT	Director of Prosperity and Development / Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure / Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		To scrutinise Green Spaces in RCT, including the Council's Tree and Hedgerow Strategy, Grass Cutting Policy, Parks, Countryside and Biodiversity/Wildflower management. .
	Healthy Travel Charter	Director of Highways, Streetcare and Frontline Services	Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure / Cabinet Member For Prosperity and Development / Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Youth Participation & Climate Change		To scrutinise the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Healthy Travel Charter, including the actions and initiatives set out within the Charter