

Community Services Scrutiny Committee - Draft Forward Work Programme 2026-27

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Invited/ In attendance	Scrutiny Focus/Challenge
9 th Sept	Youth Support Services Strategy	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To undertake Pre-Scrutiny
	RCT Empty Homes Strategy Pre Scrutiny	Simon Gale, Director Housing & Regeneration	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing		To undertake Pre-Scrutiny
	Director Social Services Annual Report	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Annabel Lloyd / Sian Nowell / Beth May)	Cabinet Member for Social Care	OPAG	To undertake pre-Scrutiny
15 th Oct	Disabled Persons Parking Bays	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services	Cabinet Member for Social Care	OPAG	To scrutinise the application process one year after reintroduction of the scheme
	Direct Payments Policy	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services	Cabinet Member for Social Care	OPAG	To undertake Pre-Scrutiny
	RCT Private Rented Sector Strategy	Simon Gale, Director Housing & Regeneration	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing		To undertake pre-scrutiny
30 th Nov	Children Looked After Prevention Strategy	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Annabel Lloyd)	Cabinet Member for Social Care		To undertake Pre-Scrutiny
	Licensing of Special Procedures for Skin Piercing.	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To scrutinise implementation of new regulations one year on.
	Food hygiene and food standards service	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services / Rhian Hope	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To scrutinise the final audit report from Food Standards Agency Wales in relation to the Food hygiene and Food standards service in RCT.
25 th Jan	Adult Care Accommodation investment update	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Sian Nowell / Beth May)	Cabinet Member for Social Care	OPAG	To scrutinise an update report in respect of Adult Care Accommodation investment

	Work and skills Programmes	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To receive a report to scrutinise the number of programmes that are offered through the Council's Work & Skills Team
	Pathway of Care Delays (hospital discharge)	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services	Cabinet Member for Social Care	OPAG	To scrutinise arrangements to address pressures across the Health and Social Care system and the impact on hospital avoidance and discharges.
	Annual Sufficiency Plan (Eliminate Profit)	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Annabel Lloyd)	Cabinet Member for Social Care		To undertake Pre-Scrutiny
8 th March	Cabinet Member Engagement	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Louise Davies, Director of Community Services / Simon Gale, Director Housing & Regeneration	Cabinet Member for Social Care		To scrutinise any matters with the portfolio holders responsible for Social Care, Communities Culture & Leisure and Regeneration and Housing and to ensure that there are appropriate mechanisms in place to effectively scrutinise the Executive.
	Housing Support Grant Strategy	Simon Gale, Director Housing & Regeneration	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing		To undertake pre-scrutiny
	Bereavement Strategy	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To scrutinise the strategy in its second year and how the Council are responding to challenges of direct cremation and public health funeral demands.

Crime & Disorder

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22 nd February	Safe Spaces for Children in the Community, including anti-social behaviour on the streets and on public transport	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure	Youth Forum	
8 th March	PSPO for Substances	Louise Davies, Director of Community Services	Cabinet Member for Communities Culture & Leisure		To undertake pre-scrutiny