

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES

Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

'Holding the Executive to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan....Economy (Building a strong economy), People (Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone), Place (Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work).'

Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year. For this reason the Scrutiny Work Programmes will be published for a 6 month period and reviewed every quarter.

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Date/Time	Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
15 th July 2021	Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications.	Cllr Ann Crimmings	To consider and agree the Work Programme for the 2021-2022 Municipal Year.
15 th July 2021	Update on Recovery from the impact of the Pandemic	Steve Owen Nicola Jones	Cllr Ann Crimmings	<p>To receive a further update the impacts of the global pandemic on the recycling figures in the Borough.</p> <p>How has the service area responded to the challenges and what procedures are in place for service recovery.</p> <p>Report to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recycling data and figures • Green Waste Data • Nappy recycling figures • Recycling centres data
23 rd September 2021	Cultural and Heritage Services	Mr P Mee, Group Director Community & Children's Services Ms C O'Neill, Strategic Arts & Culture Manager Mr A Williams, Theatre Operations and Development Manager Ms W Edwards, Service	Cllr Ann Crimmings Cllr Rhys Lewis	<p>An overview of the service area in RCTCBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of Culture • Place-making role of Culture • Economic role of Culture • Good practice from other core cities in UK and experiences from across Europe

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		Director – Community Services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available budget and resources for cultural and heritage services • How do these services benefit the residents of RCTCBC
	Litter Picking	Service Director – Streetcare	Cllr Ann Crimmings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A look at how RCTCBC work together with Community Litter picking groups • How the groups are communicated with and managed to ensure they work safely. • How are the groups supported by RCTCBC?
18th November 2021	Highways Infrastructure	Roger Waters, Service Director Frontline Services	Cllr Ann Crimmings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management Strategy • Investment Strategy • Capital Programme – Bridges and Culverts
	Biodiversity Strategy		Cllr Ann Crimmings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for biodiversity action and improvement • Wildflower Grass Management Policy • Let’s Talk RCT – Wildflowers’ • partnership work with Neath Port Talbot Council to restore over 540 hectares of historic landscape between the two Counties.

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17th February 2022	Green Waste Collections	Steve Owen	Cllr Ann Crimmings	Members to consider lessons learned on the changes to green waste collections and consider any future developments and areas for improvement
	Library Strategy and Action Plan for 2022/25	Wendy Edwards Louise Davies Nick Kelland	Cllr Rhys Lewis	Pre – Scrutiny of the Draft Library and Action plan for 2022/ 25
	Biodiversity	Louise Davies Dave Batten Richard Wistow Elizabeth Dean	Cllr Crimmings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the Council doing to increase Biodiversity within RCT? • How are members able to get involved in the increasing Biodiversity? Particularly in Wildflower projects • What specific projects are being undertaken in parks in RCT? • More information on Habitat restoration projects in RCT • Information on ward specific projects • How are the Authority tackling Japanese knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and other invasive plants? • Do the Authority work with local groups/communities? • What wards are being used for wildflowers?

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To be taken forward for 22/23

Public Rights of Way	Jason Bragg	Cllr Ann Crimmings	Process of general maintenance and upkeep of public rights of way Programme of works for 2022/23
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