



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Mon 10 Mar
2025
6.30 pm



Oakenshaw Community Centre,
Castleditch Lane, Redditch B98 7YB

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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Matthew Dormer (Chair)	Sachin Mathur
	Craig Warhurst (Vice-Chair)	David Munro
	William Boyd	Rita Rogers
	Andrew Fry	Paul Wren
	Joanna Kane	

1. Apologies and Named Substitutes

2. Declarations of Interest and of Party Whip

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and / or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests, and any Party Whip.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

The minutes of the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee from 3rd February 2025 will be considered at this meeting.

4. Public Speaking

To invite members of the public who have registered in advance of the meeting to speak to the Committee. Please note that deadline for registering to speak at this meeting closes at midday on Friday 7 March. A maximum of three minutes of speaking time is allowed per individual speaker. 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking in total.

5. Future Cemetery Provision - Pre-Scrutiny

The report will follow in a supplementary pack for this meeting after it has been published for the meeting of Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 3 March).

6. UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26 - Pre-Scrutiny

The report will follow in a supplementary pack for this meeting after it has been published for the meeting of Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 3 March).

7. Redditch Partnership - Annual Report Update (Pages 13 - 18)

8. Council Plan - Pre-Scrutiny

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The report will follow in a supplementary pack for this meeting after it has been published for the meeting of Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 3 March).

9. Task Groups, Short Sharp Reviews and Working Groups - Update Reports

- a) Budget Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst
- b) Performance Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst
- c) Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – Chair, Councillor Dormer
- d) Post-16 Education Task Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst

10. External Scrutiny Bodies - Update Reports

- a) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council representative, Councillor Kane;
- b) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council representative, Councillor Munro; and
- c) Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Council representative, Councillor Munro.

11. Executive Committee Minutes and Scrutiny of the Executive Committee's Work Programme - Selecting Items for Scrutiny

The latest Executive Committee Work Programme will follow in a supplementary papers pack once the latest version is released on Monday 3 March.

12. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 19 - 24)



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MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Matthew Dormer (Chair), Councillor Craig Warhurst (Vice-Chair) and Councillors William Boyd, Andrew Fry, Joanna Kane, Sachin Mathur, David Munro and Rita Rogers

Officers:

Sue Hanley

Democratic Services Officers:

M Sliwinski

71. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Wren.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest nor of party whip.

73. MINUTES

It was requested that a typographical error identified in the minutes record (Minute No. 64, third paragraph down) be corrected, replacing the incorrect word 'affray' with 'avoid'.

It was agreed by the Committee that, subject to this correction, the minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 13th January 2025 be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13th January 2025 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair, subject to the correction as stated in the preamble above.

Chair

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74. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers who have registered to speak at this meeting.

75. DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

The draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was presented for Members' consideration. During discussion, it was requested that a section should be added to the Annual Report providing current progress updates in respect of key items that had been discussed by the Performance Scrutiny Working Group and at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee throughout the year. This included topics such as the PowerBI Performance Dashboard and progress on Town Hall Hub.

Subject to the addition of the section above, the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report was approved for presentation to Council.

RESOLVED that

the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-25 be approved.

76. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND SCRUTINY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME - SELECTING ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

The following items from the latest Executive Work Programme (1st March to 30th June 2025) were added to the Overview and Scrutiny work programme (as pre-scrutiny items):

- Future Cemetery Provision (17th March)
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 (17th March)
- Housing Regulator Tenant Satisfaction Measures (9th June)
- Housing Regulator Self-assessment Complaint Handling Code (9th June)
- Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme 2026/27 to 2029/30 (9th June)
- Redevelopment of the Anchorage, Smallwood (1st September)

It was noted that the Shareholders' Committee Annual Report was already included as an item for Overview and Scrutiny to consider.

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A correction was requested in relation to an item currently listed on Executive Work Programme as 'Redditch Strategic Plan'. It was clarified that this should be referred to as 'Redditch Council Plan' and the lead officer should be the Chief Executive. The Committee Officer undertook to correct this.

It was agreed that as there were no items selected for scrutiny for the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny on 18th February 2025, that meeting would be cancelled.

A written update on the meeting of Budget Scrutiny Working Group, to be held on 17th February 2025, would be provided to Members of Overview and Scrutiny via email, and Overview and Scrutiny Members would have the chance to comment prior to full Council meeting.

RESOLVED that

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme be updated with items from the Executive Committee's Work Programme as per the pre-amble above.

77. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was submitted for Members' consideration. Members discussed the items that were marked as 'to be confirmed' on the work programme. It was explained that in respect of the item on 'Decarbonisation of the Council's Capital Programme' there would be a written update circulated to Members, and in respect of 'Report on WMCA Constituent Membership Process', the report would no longer be applicable to Redditch due to significant changes in national policy as a result of the Government's devolution 'white paper'.

In respect of the item on 'Parking Enforcement – Management of Contract', Members expressed significant concerns with respect to parking enforcement in Redditch. It was commented by Members that the current enforcement provided was felt to be ineffective. It was noted that Worcestershire County Council (WCC) currently had no plans to allocate additional income into parking enforcement. During discussion, it was suggested that Overview and Scrutiny set up a task group investigation to look at this topic.

Stakeholders that could be invited to meetings of such task group into parking enforcement were suggested. The Committee Officer stated that a task group into this matter could be launched once one

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of the currently ongoing task group investigations had been finalised. It was noted that Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group was due to be concluded at its next meeting in February and there would then be capacity to launch a task group into parking enforcement. It was agreed by Members that subject to a terms of reference and membership being approved at the next meeting of Overview and Scrutiny, the Parking Enforcement Task Group should be launched.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme be updated with items from the latest Executive Work Programme, as agreed (and detailed at Minute No. 76).**
- 2) The Parking Enforcement Task Group be set up, subject to submission of a terms of reference (scoping document) and selection of membership at a future meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

78. TASK GROUPS, SHORT SHARP REVIEWS AND WORKING GROUPS - UPDATE REPORTS

Updates on the ongoing Task Groups and Working Groups were provided as follows:

- a) Budget Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst

Apologies were submitted by the Chair, Councillor Warhurst, to the last meeting of Budget Scrutiny on 31st January, and the update was provided by Councillor Dormer who chaired the meeting in Councillor Warhurst's absence.

Councillor Dormer reported that on 31st January the Tranche 2 Medium Term Financial Plan (following consultation) report was discussed in detail. It was reported that during detailed discussion, Members of Budget Scrutiny requested clarification and further detail in respect of a number of budget lines, and there would be a follow-up meeting of Budget Scrutiny for Members to consider the report again.

- b) Performance Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst

Councillor Warhurst reported that the last meeting took place on 8th January. The areas looked at by the Working Group over the

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current municipal year to date were summarised, with topics such as PowerBI performance dashboard, and the work of the Council's Place Teams in road cleansing, upkeep of verges, and tree maintenance having been scrutinised.

Councillor Warhurst further reported that Members were awaiting updates in respect of when the performance dashboard would be launched. It was underlined that during the Working Groups, updates were provided in respect of improved systems and workstreams such as the embedding of the Abavus software into operations across Environmental Services and improved communications with residents on tree maintenance, including through direct communications (leaflets and direct conversations) when tree works were taking place in an area.

- c) Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – Chair, Councillor Dormer

It was reported that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday (5th February). The Task Group was close to finalising its investigation.

- d) Post-16 Education Task Group – Chair, Councillor Warhurst

Councillor Warhurst stated that the Task Group had met with a lot of relevant stakeholders to date, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Heart of Worcestershire College, and West Midlands Combined Authority, in respect of discussions around skills and post-16 education and vocational training provision. It was reported that the Task Group required a further two to three meetings before concluding its investigation.

RESOLVED that

the Task Groups, Short Sharp Reviews and Working Groups Update Reports be noted.

79. EXTERNAL SCRUTINY BODIES - UPDATE REPORTS

Updates on the meetings of External Scrutiny Bodies were provided by the representatives as follows:

- a) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council Representative, Councillor Kane

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Councillor Kane provided a written report summarising the matters discussed at the meeting of 20 January 2025. Councillor Kane reported that during the meeting it was felt that devolution proposed in the white paper would provide the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny, and oversight committees more generally, with more power in the future, however, the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny wanted more detail on how this would be taken forward. It was added that English Devolution White Paper would be a standing item at meetings of this external body.

It was reported that no matters of direct relevance to Redditch were discussed at the last meeting.

- b) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny – Council representative, Councillor Munro

Councillor Munro reported that no matters of relevance to Redditch were discussed at the last meeting of Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny.

- c) Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Council representative, Councillor Munro

Councillor Munro reported that the last meeting took place on 8th January where access to dental services in the county was the main topic on the agenda. In respect of delivering dental services, there were two main challenges in Worcestershire: the national NHS contract for dentistry and shortage of dentists.

Councillor Munro reported that the national dental contracting framework set by the NHS had not been reviewed since 2006 and most dentists now regarded basic fees in that framework as inadequate to cover their costs. Across Worcestershire, it was reported that over 40,000 dental units were voluntarily handed back to Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB) as dentists were unable to cope with the financial costs of providing NHS dentistry, with by far the most contracts handed back in Evesham. It was reported that at the time of the report there were no reported contract handbags in Redditch but that situation could have changed by now.

Councillor Munro reported in terms of data that Redditch had a fairly high incidence of dental decay in under five-year-olds. Under the NHS dental recovery plan, Redditch was one of the priority areas,

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and premium rate was paid to dentists for each unit of dental activity in Redditch. It was further reported that £5m was being reinvested in dental services across Worcestershire and Herefordshire as part of the recovery plan.

RESOLVED that

the External Scrutiny Bodies be noted.

The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 7.15 pm

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Redditch Partnership & Redditch District Collaborative

Overview and Scrutiny Briefing Report

10th March 2025

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Redditch Partnership and Redditch District Collaborative.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the contents of this report be noted.

Redditch Partnership

3. The Redditch Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for the Borough which has existed for a number of years with different groups as part of its structure. The primary purpose of the Redditch Partnership is to bring together representatives from a wide variety of agencies across the public, private and voluntary and community sectors to enable partnership working on what matters locally.
4. The makeup of the Redditch Partnership has changed in recent years for a number of reasons but most notably due to the changes nationally around health with the introduction of Integrated Care Systems (ICS). As part of those changes District Collaboratives were formed, including Redditch District Collaborative.
5. The former Redditch Partnership Executive Group oversaw the early set up arrangements of the Redditch District Collaborative (RDC). There was a collective agreement there needed to be a strong connection between the Partnership and Collaborative, building on the strengths of the Partnership and avoiding duplication, whilst making the most of the energies and resources available at the time for a newly formed Collaborative. Further information regarding RDC is covered later in this report.

Redditch Community Wellbeing Group (RCWG) and Youth Providers Forum

6. RCWG is a long-standing Redditch Partnership Group that, even throughout Covid, continued to meet virtually regularly. As with any of the partnership groups, there is no funding attached and they are non statutory, however, the desire from different partner agencies to continue to come together and new partners keen to join shows the value that is given to the Group.
7. The RCWG meets approximately every two months and it covers a wide remit, in particular, health and wellbeing, children and young people, and older people. There have been a number of new representatives join the group in recent

months, so it is helping not only to maintain existing relationships between partner agencies but build on new ones too. Chaired by the CEO of Young Solutions (a VCS organisation that works in Redditch and countywide), it is predominately used by partner organisations to share information about the work they are doing in Redditch and to highlight challenges they and/or those they are supporting are facing. This in turn helps identify partnership opportunities so that collectively we can make the best use of resources available in Redditch to support our local residents.

8. To give an example of a recent partnership opportunity, at a Redditch Community Wellbeing Group meeting in September 2024, whilst partners were sharing information, it became apparent there was a willingness for some of the different agencies and teams to create a regular multi-agency drop-in for residents. Following further discussions with all those interested outside of the meeting, it was agreed at the end of last year that a monthly multi-agency drop-in for residents would start in January 2025 at Redditch Library. It involves a range of agencies such as Starting Well Team, Housing Team, Citizens Advice, BARN (who run the local volunteer centre), Act on Energy, Your Health Van, Seetec Pluss etc. Often people need access to more than one agency so this provides residents the option of being able to access in-person support on a range of issues in one place. It has an added benefit for partners of providing an in-person opportunity to strengthen their working relationships too. The partnership discussions at the end of last year ensured that how this was set up did not inadvertently duplicate or clash with anything existing (e.g. drop ins at the Old Needleworks) and ensured it was organised in a way that was workable for partners and provided consistency for our local residents. Wider partners not directly involved in the drop-ins also found it useful as it is something they can signpost their service users to where appropriate. This is a good example of what can happen when partners are enabled to come together and connect.
9. In addition to RCWG, there is a Redditch Youth Providers Forum. Supported by the leisure team, it connects into the wider partnership via RCWG through the Chair. That Forum has been used to support the Youth Offer commissioning locally in Redditch, funded via Worcestershire County Council.

Cost of Living Partnership Group

10. In 2021, a joint Redditch and Bromsgrove Cost of Living Partnership Group was established by the former Chief Executive of the Borough Council and has continued to date. It is chaired by Judith Willis, Assistant Director of Community and Housing Services.
11. It brings together agencies to create a unified and comprehensive approach to tackling the cost of living crisis and minimising its impact, with the aim of improving the well-being of residents and communities.
12. It meets bi-monthly to help ensure collectively we are doing all we can together to alleviate the impact of the cost of living crisis. In addition to officers from the Borough Council from different teams (including the Council's Financial Inclusion Team and Housing Team) partner agencies engaged include: Citizens Advice Bromsgrove and Redditch, Worcestershire County Council, Department for Work and Pensions, Redditch Foodbank, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, Act on Energy, Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and more.

13. Redditch (and Bromsgrove) were the first in the County to recognise the need to get messages out there to ensure people know where to go for support as early as possible. In addition to website and social media messages, there have been different editions of a printed cost of living leaflet, to help reach those digitally excluded. Although having unified communications has been led by the Borough Council, all partners have worked closely with us, whether that is through the Primary Care Networks (PCNs) promoting through the GP surgeries to schools sharing with parents.
14. Most recently, a 'useful contacts' business card has been printed and distributed via Council teams and partners. It is small enough for people to pick up without embarrassment and slip in their pockets. There are still cards left for partners (and councillors) to pick up and help distribute. The aim is to help ensure people know where to turn should they need information, advice and/or support. They have been made available to collect from our Customer Service Centre.

Redditch Business Leaders (RBL) and RBL Youth Group

15. This group, previously known as the Economic Development Theme Group, originated from the Redditch Partnership but a number of years ago, morphed into the Redditch Business Leaders (RBL) and became an independent self-sustained group. The aim of the group has been to focus on skills, in particular the skills of young people. To ensure the voice of young people was heard, the RBL Youth Group was established. Both the Leader and Chief Executive of the Borough Council were members of RBL previously but it has not met for some time. However, it is anticipated RBL and its Youth Group will continue.

Redditch Mental Health and Housing Group

16. A Head of Housing and Health Partnerships for Worcestershire post was created in 2022 in recognition of the importance of housing in relation to health and wellbeing and came about due to partnership working. The post is hosted by the Acute NHS Trust.
17. One of the tasks for the post holder was to set up a Redditch specific group focussing on bringing together Redditch Borough Council Housing and NHS Mental Health Teams, along with colleagues from other relevant agencies, such as Cranstoun (a service that provides support to those addicted to drugs or alcohol).
18. Initially it was primarily about helping to bring together colleagues from Housing and Mental Health in particular, so that they could obtain a better understanding of each other's roles and the challenges they face. This proved very successful in enabling the different teams from different agencies to work more effectively together. Ultimately, it is our tenants, who are also known to mental health services (and often many other services) who are benefiting from the different teams working together.

Redditch District Collaborative (RDC)

19. District Collaboratives (sometimes called different names in other areas) were formed following changes nationally in health and the development of Integrated Care Systems (ICS). A District Collaborative brings together organisations

across sectors on a place basis to meet the needs of the local community. The Redditch District Collaborative (RDC) is part of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICS.

20. There are two Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Redditch – Kingfisher PCN and Nightingale PCN. PCNs were formed as part of a national NHS contract back in 2019, although prior to this our local GP Practices were working together informally through Neighbourhood Teams and other local contracts. It was the two PCNs, working closely with Redditch Borough Council and Public Health, which took the lead in setting up RDC.
21. The District Collaborative in Redditch was the first one in the County to be established, with a small programme team to support it. Its structure has changed over time but its three main priorities have remained unchanged: mental health and wellbeing; frailty; and obesity.
22. Asset mapping was undertaken at the start and one outcome from that has been it has further enriched the content of our local community services directory, the Knowledge Bank, as well as the more recently established County Council's community services directory.
23. Due to resource changes, there is no longer a programme lead for RDC but both PCNs have committed to continue to fund a post which works to engage and connect our partners and support collaborative working opportunities for the health-focussed benefit of the Redditch community. This post is hosted by WAC (Worcestershire Association of Carers) and sits within the social prescribing team for Redditch and works closely with the Partnership Team. However, the resource change did trigger a mini review of the large RDC structure.
24. The aim of reviewing the structure was to ensure RDC was more sustainable and streamlined going forward. This led to a reduction of RDC groups and instead the focus has been to enhance connections with established local networks, including the Redditch Partnership's Community Wellbeing Group as well as others (see next paragraph), ensuring there are ample opportunities for collaborative working in Redditch in a co-ordinated way.

Other Redditch Groups and Countywide Group

25. There are other groups involving partners in Redditch, often with a specific focus, however, there is a still a need to ensure links are made, wherever possible, between groups rather than them all operating in isolation. For instance: Redditch Community Workers Meetings; the Bromsgrove and Redditch Network (BARN) Meetings; and the Redditch Social Prescribers and Voluntary Sector Network Meetings. These are all separate meetings with different purposes, however, there are links made between them which means partners can engage with whichever one works for them.
26. Connections are also being made with anything new on the horizon. For instance, the Family Hub District Network Meetings are due to commence as part of the Starting Well / Best Start in Life changes and the Partnership Manager and Community Services Manager are working together to ensure links and make certain all relevant partners have the option of being part of it.

27. As well as looking at local groups, it is important to ensure Redditch is represented appropriately in countywide groups so that there is 2-way communication between County and District level, both from a Borough Council perspective and from a wider Redditch Partnership/Collaborative perspective. For instance, there is the Being Well Strategic Group, a sub group of the Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Partnership Manager and the Assistant Director of Community and Housing Services represent Redditch and Bromsgrove Councils and Collaboratives.
28. As part of the change to ICS, VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise) Alliances were formed nationally and there is currently one covering Worcestershire. Through the Redditch Partnership, we were able to make sure that Redditch had good representation on that countywide Alliance, and in turn on countywide groups such as the Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board. This all helps ensure Redditch has a strong voice at those countywide meetings.

Wellbeing in Partnership E-Bulletin

29. There has been a Partnership E-Bulletin across Redditch and Bromsgrove for a number of years in slightly different forms. The Partnership E-Bulletin continues monthly and contains a wide range of information that comes into the Partnership Team from a wide variety of sources. Anyone involved in the Redditch Partnership and RDC automatically receive the bulletins, as do all local Councillors (Redditch Borough and County Councillors covering the Borough). The aim is to arm as many representatives as possible who work or volunteer in Redditch, from the statutory or voluntary and community sectors, with local information which in turn they can use and pass on to their service users / local residents as appropriate.

Redditch and Bromsgrove Knowledge Bank (Community Services Directory)

30. A local directory of community services, called the Knowledge Bank, which built on previous internal directories used by the Council's Customer Service Team and the Parenting and Family Support Service, was created a number of years ago. The Council's IT development team assisted on the technical side of this while officers including Customer Services, Parenting and Family Support, Redditch and Bromsgrove Partnership Managers at the time worked to populate it with all services from the statutory and voluntary and community sectors available in Redditch and Bromsgrove. Originally created for internal teams, it was suggested and agreed that it should be made publicly available to allow anyone to use it.
31. At the suggestion of RDC, the Knowledge Bank was given a facelift and made more user friendly. With support from BARN (Bromsgrove and Redditch Network) and using the results of the RDC Asset Mapping, the content has been updated and increased further and continues to be maintained.
32. The fully searchable directory is available on the Council's webpages for the public and local partners to use. The content of the Knowledge Bank is regularly reviewed but local organisations can contact the partnership team and add or update their organisation's details at any time.

33. At the end of 2024, Knowledge Bank business cards and posters were created and made available publicly to help raise awareness of this resource which is freely available to all – our teams, partner agencies and local residents too. The direct link for the Knowledge Bank is below – please feel free to use and share: knowledgebank.bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

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Date of Meeting	Subject Matter	Officer(s) / Member(s) Responsible for report
ALL MEETINGS	REGULAR ITEMS	(CHIEF EXECUTIVE)
	Minutes of previous meeting Consideration of the Executive Committee Work Programme Call-ins (if any) Pre-scrutiny (if any) Task Groups / Short, Sharp Review Groups – feedback Working Groups - feedback Committee Work Programme	Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chair of Task Group / Short, Sharp Review Chair of Working Group Chief Executive

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MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED	RELEVANT LEAD
10th March 2025	Redditch Partnership Annual Update	Redditch Partnership Manager
10th March 2025	Future Cemetery Provision – Pre-Scrutiny	Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services
10th March 2025	UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26 – Pre-Scrutiny	Assistant Director Regeneration and Property Services
10th March 2025	Council Plan – Pre-Scrutiny	Chief Executive Officer / Policy Manager
May meeting (Subject to meeting going ahead)	Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group Final Report	Chair of the Task Group
Not before June 2025	Shareholders' Committee Annual Report – Pre-Scrutiny	Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
9th June 2025	Health Inequalities in Redditch – Invitation to Public Health Consultants	Assistant Director Community and Housing Services
9th June 2025	Housing Regulator Tenant Satisfaction Measures – Pre-Scrutiny	Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services
9th June 2025	Housing Regulator Self-assessment Complaint Handling Code – Pre-Scrutiny	Acting Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager
9th June 2025	Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme 2026/27 to 2029/30 – Pre-Scrutiny	Assistant Director Community and Housing Services

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1st September 2025	Redevelopment of The Anchorage, Smallwood – Pre-Scrutiny	Acting Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager
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10th March 2025**ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR WHICH DATE IS STILL TO BE SCHEDULED OR A WRITTEN UPDATE HAS BEEN REQUESTED**

MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED	RELEVANT LEAD
To be considered as and when reports on Town Hall appear for pre-scrutiny	Modelling financial implications of various decisions relating to Redditch Library	Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
TBC	Parking Enforcement – Management of Contract (Executive report to be scrutinised when it becomes available)	Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services
TBC	Decarbonisation of the Council's Capital Programme – a written update to be circulated to Members	Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services

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Working Groups:

- **Budget Scrutiny Working Group**

MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED
7 th March 2025	Q3 Revenue and Performance Monitoring 2024/2025 Finance Recovery Programme Report

- **Performance Scrutiny Working Group**

MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED
Further meeting dates to be confirmed once further topics for consideration have been identified by Members of the Working Group	

Task Groups

- **Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group**

This Task Group has now concluded its investigation, and the final report is currently being written up. It will be presented to Task Group Members for their comments prior to presentation at Overview and Scrutiny meeting (May / June 2025).

- **Post-16 Education Task Group**

The last meeting took place on 27th February 2025. The next meeting is currently being organised.

- **Parking Enforcement Task Group**

At the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 3rd February 2025, it has been proposed that this task group be set up after the conclusion of the Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – this has now concluded.

Members are asked to note that the Committee had previously looked at the issue of parking in the 2021-22 municipal year, when considering the terms of reference / scope of this review.

Members are also asked to note that the scoping document / terms of reference for this review will need to be submitted and agreed at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting prior to the investigation being able to start.

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