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Overview and Scrutiny

Committee

Mon 23 Nov
2026
6.30 pm

Redditch Borough Council
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Oakenshaw Community Centre,
Castleditch Lane, Redditch, B98 7YB

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The usual process for public speaking at Committee meetings will continue to be followed subject to some adjustments which allow written statements to be read out on behalf of residents at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Monday, 23rd November, 2026
6.30 pm
Oakenshaw Community Centre

Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Nicola Lloyd (Chair)	Joanna Kane
	Roger Bennett (Vice-Chair)	David Meredith
		Rita Rogers
	Joe Baker	Jane Spilsbury
	Sharon Harvey	1 vacant seat

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. Public Speaking

To invite members of the public who have registered in advance of the meeting to speak to the Committee.

4. Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 1 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges) - Prior to Consultation (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)

This report will follow in supplementary papers after it has been published for the meeting of the Executive Committee (due for publication on or after Monday 16 November 2026).

Please note this report is due to be considered prior to this meeting by Budget Scrutiny Working Group on Thursday 19 November.

5. Pride in Place Programme Governance (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)

This report will follow in supplementary papers after it has been published for the meeting of the Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 16 November 2026).

6. Review of Redditch Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)

This report will follow in supplementary papers after it has been published for the meeting of the Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 16 November 2026).

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7. Quarter 2 2026/27 Housing Performance and Improvement Plan Update (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)

This report will follow in supplementary papers after it has been published for the meeting of the Executive Committee (due for publication on Monday 16 November 2026).

8. Executive Committee Work Programme - Selecting Items for Scrutiny (Pages 7 - 14)

9. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 15 - 18)

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

Updates (verbal) are due to be provided on the following Working Groups and Task Groups:

a) Budget Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Kane

Verbal update on the Q2 2026/27 Financial Monitoring and Q2 Performance reports, considered at the Budget Scrutiny meeting, is due to be provided by the Chair of Budget Scrutiny Working Group. The Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 1 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges) – Prior to Consultation is also due for consideration by Budget Scrutiny but will be covered specifically under earlier agenda item at this Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

b) Performance Scrutiny Working Group – Chair, Councillor Harvey

c) Post-16 Education Task Group – Chair, Councillor Spilsbury

11. External Scrutiny Bodies - Update Reports

Updates on the following external bodies are due to be provided at this meeting:

a) Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – Council Representative, Councillor Spilsbury.

12. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, at any point during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act".

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to:

- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;
- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;
- Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;

and may need to be considered as 'exempt'.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LEADER'S

WORK PROGRAMME

1 December 2026 to 31 March 2027

(Published as at 11th November 2026)

This Work Programme gives details of items on which key decisions are likely to be taken by the Borough Council's Executive Committee, or full Council, in the coming four months. **"**Key Decisions" are ones which are likely to:

(i) result in the Council incurring expenditure, foregoing income or the making of savings in excess of £200,000 or which are otherwise significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
(ii) be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in the area comprising two or more wards in the Borough;
(iii) involve any proposal to cease to provide a Council service (other than a temporary cessation of service of not more than 6 months).

If you wish to make representations on the proposed decision you are encouraged to get in touch with the relevant report author as soon as possible before the proposed date of the decision. Contact details are provided. Alternatively, you may write to the Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Property Services, The Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH or e-mail: democratic@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

The Executive Committee's meetings are normally held at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings at the Town Hall. They are open to the public, except when confidential information is being discussed. If you wish to attend for a particular matter, it is advisable to check with the Democratic Services Team on (01527) 64252, ext: 3072 to make sure it is going ahead as planned. If you have any other queries, Democratic Services Officers will be happy to advise you. The full Council meets in accordance the Council's Calendar of Meetings. Meetings commence at 6.30pm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Matthew Dormer, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Regeneration, Economic Development, Strategic Partnerships, Town Deal / DMIC, Corporate Leadership, External Relations, overall strategic leadership of the authority, Health, Regulatory Services, Leisure and Recreation and Planning
Councillor Craig Warhurst, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance
Councillor Brandon Clayton, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Local Services
Councillor Gemma Monaco, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Biodiversity
Councillor Ashley Monk, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities
Councillor Wanda King, Executive Committee member without portfolio

Decision including Whether it is a key Decision	Decision Taker Date of Decision	Details of Exempt information (if any) and any additional information for noting	Documents submitted to Decision Maker / Background Papers List	Contact for Comments
Council Support to Rubicon Leisure Limited - Update Report **Key:** Yes	Shareholders Committee 14 Dec 2026	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Quarter 2 Performance Report Rubicon Leisure Limited 2026/27 **Key:** No	Shareholders Committee 14 Dec 2026	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director of Planning, Leisure and culture Services	Ben Clawson-Chan, Managing Director Rubicon Leisure Limited
Best Value Report **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer, Director of Governance and Assurance	Nicola Cummings, Principal Solicitor, Claire Felton, Director of Governance and Assurance, James Walton, Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer Tel: 01527 64252,

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Council Tax Base 2027/28 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Council Tax - Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums 2027/28 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy 2026/27 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Rent and Service Charge Setting 2027/28 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Redditch Borough Council Plan - Position Statement **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Transformation and Corporate Services	Helen Mole, Transformation Manager Tel: 01527 881685
Quarter 3 2026/27 Housing Performance and Improvement Plan Update **Key:** No	Executive 15 Feb 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services	Simon Parry, Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3201

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Non Domestic Rates - Discretionary Rates Relief Policy 2026/27 **Key:** No	Executive 12 Jan 2027 Council 25 Jan 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Grants to Voluntary Bodies Awarding of Grants **Key:** No	Executive 15 Feb 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director Community and Housing Services	Judith Willis, Assistant Director Community & Housing services Tel: 01527 64252 ext 3348
Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2026/27 **Key:** Yes	Executive 15 Feb 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070

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Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 2 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges, Capital Strategy, Investment Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Recommendations from the WRS Board) **Key:** No	Executive 15 Feb 2027 Council 22 Feb 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Council Tax Resolutions 2027/28 **Key:** No	Executive 22 Feb 2027 Council 22 Feb 2027		Report of the Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services Tel: 01527 64252 Ext 3070
Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring Report for Rubicon Leisure Limited 2026/27 **Key:** No	Shareholders Committee 25 Feb 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director of Planning, Leisure and culture Services	Ben Clawson-Chan, Managing Director Rubicon Leisure Limited

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Rubicon Leisure Budget Report 2027/28 **Key:** Yes	Shareholders Committee 25 Feb 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director of Planning, Leisure and culture Services	Ben Clawson-Chan, Managing Director Rubicon Leisure Limited
Rubicon Leisure Business Plan 2027/28 **Key:** Yes	Shareholders Committee 25 Feb 2027	This report may contain exempt information that would need to be considered in private session	Report of the Assistant Director of Planning, Leisure and culture Services	Ben Clawson-Chan, Managing Director Rubicon Leisure Limited
Shareholders Committee Annual Report 2026/27 **Key:** No	Shareholders Committee 6 Apr 2027		Report of the Assistant Director of Legal, Democratic and Procurement Services	Jess Bayley-Hill, Principal Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01527 64252

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WORK PROGRAMME 2026-27

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

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MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED	RELEVENT LEAD
23rd November 2026	Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 1 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges) – Prior to Consultation (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)	James Walton, Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer
23rd November 2026	Pride in Place Programme Governance (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)	Georgina Harris, Economic Growth Manager – Business & Skills
23rd November 2026	Q2 2026/27 Housing Performance and Improvement Plan Update (Pre-Decision Scrutiny**)**	Simon Parry, Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services/Judith Willis, Assistant Director Community & Housing Services
23rd November 2026	Review of Redditch Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (Pre-Decision Scrutiny)	Bev Houghton, Community Safety Manager
11th January 2027	Redditch Parking Enforcement – scrutiny specific paper	Officers responsible to be confirmed

The next meeting is on 11th January 2027

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Items previously proposed where no meeting date has been confirmed

MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED	RELEVENT LEAD
TBC	Community Investment Fund – (scrutinise Executive report when it becomes available)	Georgina Harris, UK Shared Prosperity Fund Manager
TBC	Report on Homelessness, Food Bank use and associated metrics	Judith Willis, Assistant Director Community and Housing Services
TBC	Auxerre House Refurbishment – (scrutinise Executive report when it becomes available)	Andrew Rainbow, Housing Property Services Manager

Working Groups:

- **Budget Scrutiny Working Group**

MEETING DATE	ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED
Thursday 19/11/2026 (6pm)	• Quarter 2 2026/27 Performance Report • Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2026/27 • Medium Terms Financial Plan Stage 1 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges) – Prior to Consultation
Thursday 07/01/2027 (6pm)	• Treasury Management Half Yearly Report 2026/27 • Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 1 2027/28 (Including Fees and Charges and Worcestershire Regulatory Services' Budget Recommendations) - Following Consultation The Working Group to determine if it wishes to consider the following items: • Council Tax Base 2027/28 • Council Tax - Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums 2027/28 • Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27 • Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy 2026/27

	• Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Rent Setting Policy 2027/28 • Non Domestic Rates - Discretionary Rates Relief Policy 2026/27
Tuesday 09/02/2027 (6pm)	• Quarter 3 2026/27 Performance Report • Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2026/27 • Medium Term Financial Plan Stage 2 2027/28 (including Fees and Charges, Investment Strategy, Treasury Management Strategy and Recommendations from the WRS Board)
Thursday 11/03/2027 (6pm)	

- **Performance Scrutiny Working Group**

Tuesday 01/12/2026 (6pm)	• Progression of Pitch and Sports Strategy • Tree Maintenance and Tree Policies Update
Wednesday 09/12/2026 (6pm)	• Evaluation of Town Centre events offer including footfall (include invitation to BID) • Cultural Compact – impact of its work on arts and culture in Redditch, including preparations or bid for Town of Culture 2028
Wednesday 27th January (6pm)	•

Task Groups

- **Post-16 Education Task Group**
  The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th December 2026 (6pm) - remote.

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel

The meeting of the Panel will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2026 (Oakenshaw Community Centre, 6.30pm start).