

West Suffolk Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Rolling Work Programme (2023 to 2024)

The Committee has a rolling work programme, whereby suggestions for scrutiny reviews are brought to each meeting, and if accepted, are timetabled to report to a future meeting. The work programme also leaves space for Call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action.

| Description | Lead Member - Officer | Details |
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| 9 November 2023 (Time: 5.00pm) | | |
| Venue: West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds | | |
| Grass Cutting Review | Cabinet Member for Operations | The Cabinet Member for Operations to be invited to provide an update on the Grass Cutting Review to for Scrutiny Members to provide input into the Review. |
| Suffolk County Council: Police and Crime Panel | Councillors Mike Chester and Diane Hind | To receive an update from the Council's appointed representative on discussions held by the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel on 6 October 2023 |
| Suffolk County Council: Health Scrutiny Committee | Councillor Andrew Martin | To receive an update from the Council's appointed representative on discussions held by the Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2023. |
| Decisions Plan | Leader of the Council | To receive information on forthcoming decisions to be considered by the Cabinet. |
| Work Programme | Chair of the Committee | To receive suggestions for scrutiny reviews, appoint Task and Finish Groups for these reviews and indicate review timescales. |
| Abbeycroft Leisure: Strategic Partnership Review | Task and Finish Group | Agreement of draft report and recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for reporting to Cabinet in December 2023 |
| 18 January 2024 (Time: 5.00pm) | | |
| Venue: West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds | | |
| West Suffolk Housing Strategy and Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy | Cabinet Member for Housing | To be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the consultation exercise. |
| Decisions Plan | Leader of the Council | To receive information on forthcoming decisions to be considered by the Cabinet. |

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| 17 March 2024 (Time: 5.00pm) Venue: West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds | | |
| Suffolk County Council: Health Scrutiny Committee | Councillor Andrew Martin | To receive an update from the Council's appointed representative on discussions held by the Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2024. |
| Suffolk County Council: Police and Crime Panel | Councillors Mike Chester and Diane Hind | To receive an update from the Council's appointed representative on discussions held by the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel on 26 January 2024. |
| Decisions Plan | Leader of the Council | To receive information on forthcoming decisions to be considered by the Cabinet. |
| Work Programme | Chair of the Committee | To receive suggestions for scrutiny reviews, appoint Task and Finish Groups for these reviews and indicate review timescales. |
| Future Item(s) for Review | | |
| Mildenhall Hub | Cabinet Member for Leisure | Cabinet endorsed a future review on progress against the year five financial test by way of a final report on the Mildenhall Hub Post Implementation Review be included in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for 2026 , subject to the completion of a scoping / key lines of enquiry exercise being carried out with the Strategic Director. |

Current position of Overview and Scrutiny Working Groups

| | Title | Purpose | Start Date (Established) | Members Appointed | Estimated End date |
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| 1. | Modern Day Slavery Working Group | <p>A Working Group was established in November 2020 to carry out a review of the West Suffolk Council statement and approach to modern-day slavery.</p> <p>(The government announced in September 2020 new guidance which requires councils to report on their activities in relation to modern day slavery. More guidance is awaited from government. Once this has been published, the Working Group will convene its first meeting).</p> <p>Update: Queens Speech 2022 – Modern Slavery Bill – reducing modern slavery in the supply chain. Once the Bill has progressed and more detail is published, the Working Group will convene its first meeting.</p> | Not yet met. | Councillors: | |
| 2. | Abbeycroft Leisure Strategic Partnership Review Task and Finish Group | A Task and Finish Group was established in July 2023 to review the Council's partnership with Abbeycroft Leisure between 2019 to 2023 against the current Collaboration Agreement outcomes and provide a report and recommendations for Overview and Scrutiny to consider before referring to Cabinet. | September 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Broughton - Marion Rushbrook - Rowena Lindberg - Peter Armitage - Andy Neal | December 2023 |
| 3. | Transport and Infrastructure Review Task and Finish Group | A Task and Finish Group was established in July 2023 to establish ways to get upstream on areas relating to transport and infrastructure to help influence future local plans and provide a report and recommendations for Overview and Scrutiny to consider before referring to Cabinet. | September 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Broughton - Beccy Hopfensperger - Birgitte Mager - Andrew Smith - Don Waldron - Julia Wakelam - Kevin Yarrow | October 2024 |