

Programme of Proposed Scrutiny Topics

Topic	Corporate Objectives (SEED)	Questions/concerns	Scrutiny Approach (Bulletin, Report, rapid review or task and finish group)	Background Notes / Officers' comments	Reporting timeframe to
The Listening Council – Community Forum	Enablement		Report	Report requested by Executive Members	7 November 2023
Development Management Forum	Enablement			Report requested by Executive Members	7 November 2023
Air Quality Action Plan	Sustainability		Report and Action Plan	Action Plan for Members' Review	16 January 2024
Social Housing Providers	Sustainability and enablement	Quality of housing stock, complaints, response times to repairs. Performance and KPIs Steps being taken to achieve carbon neutrality. Member engagement	To be determined by Members	Information awaited.	16 January 2024
Climate Change – Carbon Neutrality	Sustainability	Support to residents and businesses? Changing residents' behaviour to achieve reductions in emissions. Will council achieve its goals?		Summary Bulletin to be provided by relevant Head of Service	16 January 2024
UK Share Prosperity Money	Enablement	Levelling up – how the UKSPF is being used.	All Member Briefing to be provided on 7 December 2023	All Member Briefing on 7 December may facilitate the answers to Members queries.	16 January 2024

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Access to parks for disabled children and equipment provided	Enablement	Concerns about disabled access to Council parks, lack of facilities for disabled children	Site Visit	Site Visit to key parks – to be arranged.	5 March 2024
Digital Exclusion	Enablement, Digital by Default	Tackling digital exclusion and literacy:	Background Information	Information awaited.	5 March 2024
IT	Digital by Default	Functionality, value for money, security, forward looking	Summary Bulletin	Head of Service asked to provide a Summary Bulletin.	5 March 2024
Policing	Enablement	Neighbourhood Policing – pressure to contribute from Police to cost of PCSOs.	Background overview	Information awaited.	5 March 2024
East Herts Run Markets	Sustainability	Hire of stalls, issues faced, support to markets	Subject currently part of a larger piece of work under review. When available Members will be updated	Tentative date for discussion	5 March 2024
Digital Innovation Zone (Essex and Herts DIZ)	Digital by Default	a) The role of DIZ and how this connects with local businesses and residents to share the benefits of digital investment? b) How does this benefit us and residents?	Background overview	Summary Bulletin circulated to Members of O&S Committee on 29 September 2023	Any further action required to be determined by Members
Smart Devices and improvement to Council services	Digital by Default	How could the internet improve service delivery and reduce costs	At the Chairman's request Dr Catherine Howe (CfGS) approached for webinar information (20.9.23) Publications Catherine Howe (curiouscatherine.info)	Dr Howe asked to provide a link to how the Council can actively influence social change digitally to improve the delivery of services.	To be determined by Members
Pedestrian safety	Sustainability			Members were presented (in September) with a summary of approaches / action taken by HCC and Hertfordshire Police.	To be determined

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				Chairman and Vice Chairman to liaise at a further date with Cllr Carter on what further action (as the scrutiny proposer), she may wish to see taken.	