

<b>Lead AD</b>	<b>AD (Stevenage Direct Services) Steve Dupoy</b>
<b>Deputy</b>	<b>AD (Planning &amp; Regulation) Alex Robinson</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Cllr Leanne Brady</b>
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Cllr Andy McGuinness</b>

## Environment & Economy Select Committee Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26

(Including main review items, one-off meetings, review revisits and policy development items)

The work programme is the main guide to the Committee's work throughout the year. However individual items can be raised at Committee meetings and consider as one-off items on a case-by-case basis at future meetings.

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(Main review) <b>Waste &amp; Recycling</b>	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Stevenage Direct Services, Steve Dupoy, Operations	<b>Date 2025</b> (11 June 2025)– Draft Scoping Document considered by the Committee. <b>Date</b> – 8 July 2025 - Officer presentation on flat bock recycling	(i) meetings to be completed. (ii) A full scope would need to be completed. (iii) Interviews and evidence gathering	Following on from the 27 Feb 2025 E&E meeting, which introduced the waste and recycling service and challenges, Members agreed to explore the service in-depth around a specific issue such as improving the offer to the Council's 74 <u>flat blocks</u> and	The Chair has said that this is a high priority.  Possible witnesses could be with a local authority waste collector service that has a

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	Manager SDS, Kris White.	<p><b>Date</b> –Sep 2025 witness interviews – with external waste professional from a Herts authority.</p> <p><b>Date</b> – Oct 2025 witness interviews.</p> <p>Site Visits – <b>Date</b> (July – <b>proposed Mon 21 July</b>) Visit examples of flat blocks (good and bad) Refuse &amp; Recycling Freighter &amp; <b>Date</b> (Week commencing 8 September) Visit Refuse site</p> <p><b>Date</b> – Nov 2025 Final</p>		<p><u>improved comms for new service offers such as food caddies.</u></p> <p>It was also agreed that Members undertake site visits to the Cavendish Road Depot and "ride-alongs" with collection crews to gain firsthand insight into operations.</p>	<p>good reputation for collecting in flat blocks, to see what learning they can share.</p> <p>WRAP (Waste &amp; Resources Action Programme) Global Environmental Action NGO) or Trade body/LGA</p> <p>HCC – as the waste processing authority for waste collected by SBC.</p>

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		Interviews/Emerging Recommendations.  <b>Date-</b> Dec 2025 Final report & recommendations of the review			
(Update) <b>Ongoing monitoring/watching brief on the Climate Emergency</b>	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Planning and Regulatory, Alex Robinson, Head of Climate Action, Fabian Oyarzun.	2 sessions:  <b>(i) Nov 2025</b> <b>(ii) March 2026</b>	(i) This would take two meetings to be completed. (ii) No scope required. (iii) Interviews with Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Cllr S Speller & Head of Climate Action & AD	E&E should continue with 2 sessions during the year in Oct/Nov to coincide with the Annual Climate Change update to Council and in March to drill down on some specific measures.  The Chair will consider a focus for a deep dive around a specific focus for the March 2026 meeting.	The Chair has stated this continues to be a high priority area for the Committee to monitor.
(One-off performance review meeting) <b>Enforcement of fly-tipping</b>	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment Cllr Rob Broom.	To be advised – could be June or July 2025.	One meeting. (ii) a simple scope would be required. (iii) Interview with AD Alex Robinson	Members have agreed for the Committee to allocate a meeting on enforcement-focusing on enforcement against fly-tipping, with calls	The Chair is looking for a focus to help:

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	Fly tipping lead – AD Stevenage Direct Services Steve Dupoy.  Enforcement covered by the Neighbourhoods Community Safety Team, Kerry Clifford AD Housing & Neighbourhoods.		(enforcement) & AD Steve Dupoy (clean up) and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.	for stronger responses and follow-ups to reduce incidents and costs.	-provide a better focus of the service -come up with practical ways to improve the service -raise the awareness of the Household Waste & Recycling Centres (Stevenage – Caxton Way) -Take up of bulky waste – is the price point and offer right?
(One off presentation leading to a further session)	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD	Initial introductory session /presentation, leading to a further detailed session. This		<b>Transport Accessibility</b> - Members have suggested incorporating issues with car park availability, especially for	The Chair suggested a holistic review of transportation,

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<b>Focus on Active Travel &amp; Accessibility re Transport &amp; the Public Realm</b>	Regeneration, Dave Wells – (other lead officers?) HCC Public Health lead.	could be considered earlier in the work programme <b>(end of the Civic Year)</b> ahead of the main review on Refuse & Recycling depending on the operational needs of Stevenage Direct Services.		<p>disabled parking, and the negative impact on accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges.</p> <p>Other accessibility issues for disabled persons including problems with the lift at Stevenage Station.</p> <p><b>Accessibility in the Public Realm</b> - Members would like to address neurodiversity by creating autism-friendly spaces, better signposting, and quiet zones to support a less overwhelming shopping experience.</p> <p>Members raised issues with covered walkways being repurposed by businesses, making them less accessible, and the general lack of</p>	<p>including cycling, pedestrian routes, and parking strategies, while addressing the impacts of reduced car parks and encouraging modal shifts to more sustainable options.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the work should focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What is the statutory responsibility</li> <li>-Signage, seating, ramps, lighting.</li> <li>-Autism &amp; Dementia Friendly</li> </ul>

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				<p>cohesive design for accessibility in public areas.</p> <p><b>Cycling and Active Travel</b> - Members discussed the need to revisit the 2019 cycling and pedestrian strategy in light of current needs and priorities. There were suggestions to incorporate colour-coded signage on cycleways and walkways to encourage active travel and make navigation easier and more engaging.</p> <p>Update on take up of Berol Bikes.</p>	<p>Hear about the plans for the public gateway.</p> <p>Gather witnesses from disabled groups.</p>

Monitoring of Previous Reviews Recommendations/Actions							
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Consider the Committee's Action Tracker	June/July 2025  <b>11 June 2025.</b>	One meeting	Members comment on the document – which may lead to further monitoring	No scope required			

Any monitoring of previous reviews will be agreed when the Committee considers the action tracker at its meeting on 11 June 2025.

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(One-off pre-scrutiny policy development) <b>Updates on the development of Green Space</b>	Green Spaces & Environmental Performance Manager, Julia Hill, Arboriculture &	Following the pre-scrutiny policy development meeting in March 2025 it was suggested	1 site visit	Site visit		Following the site visit notes will be circulated to E&E & the Cabinet Portfolio Holder focusing on issues for	

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<b>Strategies – Parks &amp; Open Spaces</b>	Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta, Exec Portfolio Holder for Environment, Rob Broom	that E&E Members may wish to carry out a site visit to Stanborough Lakes in Welywn Garden City to see what a neighbouring authority is offering re green spaces. <b>Date to be advised.</b>				development at Fairlands Valley Park and the towns other green spaces.	