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Progress update on delivery of the Work Programme – March 2026

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) Waste & Recycling	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Stevenage Direct Services, Steve Dupoy, Operations	Date 2025 (11 June 2025)– Draft Scoping Document considered by the Committee. Date – 8 July 2025 1 September 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>	✓ The final report and recommendation were agreed with Members prior to the	Not required

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	Manager SDS, Kris White.	<p>Date – 1 Sep 2025 witness interviews – with external waste professional from Dacorum Borough Council.</p> <p>Date – Oct 2025 witness interviews.</p> <p>Site Visits – Date (July – Mon 14 July) Visit examples of flat blocks (good and bad) Refuse & Recycling Freighter & Date (Week commencing 8 September) Visit Refuse site</p>		<p>and <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>report being signed off at the meeting on 28 01 26.</p> <p>The Cabinet Portfolio Holder has 2 months to respond to the recommendations – the response is scheduled to be brought back to the 19 03 26 meeting.</p>	

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		Date – 24 Nov 2025 Draft report and Recommendations. Date- 28 Jan 2026 Final report & recommendations of the review for sign off				
(Update) Ongoing monitoring/ watching brief on the Climate Emergency	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Planning and Regulatory, Alex Robinson, Head of Climate Action, Fabian Oyarzun.	2 sessions: (i) Monday 3 Nov 2025 (ii) Thursday 19 March 2026	(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 meeting was held as an informal meeting of the Committee on 3 November 2025 . E&E Members will meet with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate	✓ This is now a standing item at E&E

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					Change Officers to focus on Adaptations on 19 March 2026.	
(One-off performance review meeting) Enforcement of fly-tipping	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment Cllr Rob Broom. Enforcement is covered by the Neighbourhoods Community Safety Team, Director Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford Clean up of fly tipping – Director Environment &	To be advised –	One meeting. (ii) a simple scope would be required. (iii) Director for Housing & Neighbourhoods (enforcement) & Director for Environment & Leisure Steve Dupoy (clean up) and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.	Members have agreed for the Committee to allocate a meeting on enforcement- focusing on enforcement against fly-tipping, with calls for stronger responses and follow-ups to reduce incidents and costs.	✗ It has not been possible to schedule this item and it will remain on the work programme for 2026-27	✓ This item will now be rolled forward to be considered in 2026-27

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	Leisure Steve Dupoy.					
(One off presentation leading to a further session) Focus on Active Travel & Accessibility re Transport & the Public Realm – with a focus in 2025-26 on Cycling	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Regeneration, Dave Wells – (other lead officers?) HCC Public Health lead.	Initial introductory session /presentation, leading to a further detailed session. Date – 28 January 2026 – Initial meeting considering the 2018 Cycle Strategy. A further meeting engaging with cycling groups – provisionally 24 February 2026		The Chair agreed on holding a focused meeting on cycling as one element of this issue: Cycling and Active Travel - Members discussed the need to revisit the 2018 cycling 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. Update on take up of Beryl Bikes.	✓ Meeting arranged for 28 January 2026 – follow up meeting on 24 February with Cycle Groups to be confirmed.	✓ Other elements of this item beyond cycling were not considered in so can be rolled forward to 2026-27

Monitoring of Previous Reviews Recommendations/Actions							
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Consider the Committee's Action Tracker	June/July 2025 11 June 2025.	One meeting	Members comment on the document – which may lead to further monitoring	No scope required	Minutes of the meeting – Item 7		✓
Cabinet Portfolio Holder response to Skills Agenda review - Link to document	11 June 2025.	One meeting	Members comment on the document – which may lead to further monitoring	No scope required	Details of this meeting can be found via the Link – 11 June 2025		✓

Any monitoring of previous reviews will be agreed when the Committee considers the action tracker at its meeting in June/July 2026.

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(One-off pre-scrutiny policy development) Carry out a pre-scrutiny of procurement of the Contract to run the Business Technology Centre	Director Planning & Regulation, Alex Robinson, Cabinet Portfolio for Economy, Skills, Transport and Devolution.	29 October 2025.	1 site visit/meeting	One-off site visit to the BTC and officer briefing – seeking E&E Members views.	N/A	Members were invited to attend a pre-scrutiny meeting of the Contract to	✓
(One-off pre-scrutiny policy development) Updates on the development of Green Space Strategies – Parks & Open Spaces	Green Spaces & Environmental Performance Manger, Julia Hill, Arboriculture & Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta, Exec Portfolio Holder for Environment, Rob Broom	Following the pre-scrutiny policy development meeting in March 2025 it was suggested that E&E Members may wish to carry out a site visit to Stanborough Lakes in WGC to see what a	1 site visit	Site visit		Following the site visit notes will be circulated to E&E & the Cabinet Portfolio Holder focusing on issues for development at Fairlands Valley Park and the towns other green spaces.	✘ It has not been possible to schedule this item and it will remain on the work programme for 2026-27

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		neighbouring authority is offering re green spaces. Date to be advised.					