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***Progress update on delivery of the Work Programme – March 2026***

**Community Select Committee Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26**

**(Including main review items, one-off meetings, statutory and standing items, 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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<b><u>Progress of the new Housing Allocations policy</u></b>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Head of Community Advice, Sarah	Meeting in the Autumn (Sep/Oct 2025) ahead of report to Cabinet in	(i) This should be covered in a single meeting (ii) No scope required.	A one-off update to CSC Members providing balance between affordability criteria and the Council’s statutory responsibilities as a Social Housing Provider.	<b>✗</b> It has not been possible to schedule this item and it will remain on the	<b>✓</b> This item will now be rolled forward to be considered in 2026-27

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	Pateman, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Jackie Hollywell.	December 2025.  <b>Tuesday 21 October 2025</b>			work programme for 2026-27	
<b><u>Tenant enforcement/ tenancy Audits</u></b>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Jackie Hollywell & Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Tenancy Involvement, Cllr Nigel Williams	<b>Tuesday 16 September 2025</b>	(i) This should be covered in a single meeting (ii) No scope required.	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods has suggested that there is a need for a Tenancy Audit Policy – to provide a procedure for staff and a policy for tenants so all parties know what is expected)	✓  The Committee received a <a href="#">presentation on Tenancy Audits</a> at its meeting on <a href="#">16 September 2025</a>	Not required
<b><u>One-off update item on Housing Damp &amp; Mould</u></b>	AD Building Safety and Property Services, Denise	<b>Tuesday 16 September 2025</b> – Officer Briefing ahead	(i) This should be covered in a single meeting	Members to receive an update on Damp & Mould – AD Housing & Neighbourhoods suggested	✓  The Committee received a	Not required

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	Lewis, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing, Cllr Jackie Hollywell.	of legislation changes in Oct 2025.	(ii) No scope required.	a briefing could be provided to Members in August/Sep ahead of Awabb's Law coming into effect Oct 2025.	<a href="#">presentation on damp and mould</a> at its meeting on <a href="#">16 September 2025 Minute</a>	
<b><u>Equalities &amp; Diversity</u></b> (Initially a one-off meeting, but could lead to a main review)	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, SLT Lead for E&D, Corp Policy and Business Support Manager, Daryl Jedowski, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities including Equalities, Cllr Coleen De Freitas.	<b>Final report 11 November 2025</b>	(i) Final meetings of the review – It is likely that the review would be brought to 2 Committee meetings, (i) a draft report and receive an update on the Council's cultural strategy; and (ii) Final report.	A Member briefing and written briefing note is being prepared to be shared with CSC Members on Community Cohesion.  Officers can bring an update on the existing cultural strategy to a future meeting. Which could include an invitation to the new Cabinet Portfolio holder, Cllr Simon Speller. Beyond this a more detailed piece on the Council's Cultural Strategy (2018-2028) could be included in a future CSC	✓  The final report and recommendations were agreed at the CSC meeting on <a href="#">11 November 2025</a>  The Committee will receive the Cabinet Portfolio Holder response to the review in 2026.	✓  The Committee will receive the Cabinet Portfolio Holder's response to the review

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				work programme/Municipal Year as the Strategy is in need of a refresh.		
<u><b>Older People</b></u>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Health & Sport Strategy Manager, Ryan Ansell, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Neighbourhoods and Older People, Cllr Myla Arceno	<b>11 December 2025</b>	This could be the focus of one meeting of the Committee.	Officers can provide a session focusing on Older People – including the Council’s policies on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age Friendly Community &amp; Age Friendly Conference</li> <li>• Dementia Friendly Community</li> <li>• Digital exclusion</li> <li>• How older people access our services</li> <li>• Housing for Older People (this could be a separate larger piece of work to a future work programme/Municipal Year)</li> </ul>	✓ The Committee received a presentation to its meeting on <a href="#">11 December 2025</a>  See Link to the <a href="#">Minutes of the meeting</a>	Not required

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<u><b>Community Centre's</b></u>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Strategic Director and Statutory Section 151 Officer, Clare Fletcher Cabinet Member with responsibility for Co-operative Council, Cllr Nigel Williams.	To be advised – possibly a briefing note that could be considered at a meeting of the Committee.	Possibly one meeting with potential to lead to further meetings.	The Assistant Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods has agreed to liaise with the Council's Section 151 Officer regarding the status of the current policy and would provide feedback to Members.	✘ 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
<u><b>Statutory Item – Crime &amp; Disorder Committee</b></u>	AD Stevenage Direct Services, Lead Officer Sarah Pateman, Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities – Cllr Tom Plater	Meeting scheduled for: <b>25 March 2026</b>	(ii) Yes, covered in one meeting (ii) No scope required (iii)Interviews with Chair of RAG, Herts Constabulary, Portfolio Holder with	The annual meeting this year could provide an opportunity to highlight the work of joint working with the Police and the strategies and work of the SoSafe Partnership.	✓ The Chair has asked if there could be a profile on the Council's work regarding Anti-Social Behaviour.	✓ This is a statutory standing item at CSC

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			responsibility for Community Safety looking at past performance of the Community Safety Action Plan and future priorities			
<u><b>Standing Item - Public Health</b></u>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, and Health & Sports Strategy Manager, Ryan Ansell, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Wellbeing, Cllr Simon Speller	Meeting scheduled for: <b>4 Feb 2026</b>	(i) Yes, covered in one meeting (ii) No scope required (iii) Interviews with the HCC Director of Public Health, SBC Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Public Health and the SD for Community. (iv)	Members indicated that they previously valued the sessions with the HCC Director of Public Health and would like to reinstate these meetings with focus on general health and wellbeing and specifically on Health Inequalities for Stevenage.  The HCC Director of Public Health (or a Member of the	✓  The Committee met with HCC Director of Public Health and SBC Health & Wellbeing Manager and received a <a href="#">presentation</a> from both to its meeting on <a href="#">4 Feb 2026</a>	✓  This is a non-statutory standing item at CSC

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			Other Members to be invited – SBC Rep on HCC Health Scrutiny Cttee.	HCC Public Health Team) be invited to update Members on the NHS Integrated Care Boards (which have replacing Clinical Commissioning Groups) and on matters relating to Public Health and Stevenage (if possible, including the “tartan rug” the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment)		
<u><b>2026-27 Work Programme</b></u>		25 March 2026.	One off meeting		Scheduled for 25 March 2026	

