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<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Cllr Rob Henry</b>

## Community Select Committee Scrutiny Work Programme 2026-27

**(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>Pre-scrutiny Policy Development of Tenancy Strategy</u></b>	Director of Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Co-Deputy Leader, Cabinet Portfolio	<b>7 July 2026</b>	(i) Single pre-scrutiny policy development meeting (ii) no scope required (iii)			✓

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	for Housing, Cllr Loraine Rossati		officer presentation			
<b><u>Pre-scrutiny Policy Development of Housing Strategy</u></b>	Director of Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Co-Deputy Leader, Cabinet Portfolio for Housing, Cllr Loraine Rossati	<b>Provisionally 23 July 2026</b>	(i)Single pre-scrutiny policy development meeting (ii) no scope required (iii) officer presentation	It is anticipated that the Cabinet will consider the updated Housing Strategy at their meeting in September 2026.		✓
<b><u>Support for Young People</u></b>	Director of Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Co-Deputy Leader, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy, Skills & Young People, Cllr Coleen De Freitas.	(i) Draft scoping document <b>7 July 2026</b> (ii)Officer presentation <b>23 July 2026</b> (iii) <b>14 September</b> – Interview witnesses (iv) October – Early recommendations	(i) This might take a number of meetings (ii) Scoping would be required.	This would be the Committee’s main review for the Municipal year.		✓

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<u><b>Annual Summary of the Housing Allocations policy</b></u>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, Head of Community Advice, Sarah Pateman, Co-Deputy Leader, Cabinet Portfolio for Housing, Cllr Loraine Rossati	October 2026 - To be confirmed	(i) This should be covered in a single meeting (ii) No scope required.	A one-off annual summary of Housing Allocations including an update on ongoing Government Policy in this area.		✓  It was not possible to schedule this item in 2025-26. This item has now been rolled forward to be considered in 2026-27
<u><b>One-off update item on Housing Damp &amp; Mould</b></u>	AD Building Safety and Property Services, Denise Lewis, Co-Deputy Leader, Cabinet Portfolio for Housing, Cllr Loraine Rossati	<b>December 2026</b>	(i) This should be covered in a single meeting (ii) No scope required.	In 2025 Members received an update on Damp & Mould – AD Housing & Neighbourhoods provided a briefing to Members in Sep ahead of Awabb’s Law coming into effect Oct 2025.  By the end of October 2026 there will have been a year’s data following the	For 2025-26 the Committee received a <a href="#">presentation on damp and mould</a> at its meeting on <a href="#">16 September 2025 Minute</a>	✓  Members requested an update in 26-27 on the delivery of damp and mould following the Oct 2025 legislation – Awabb’s Law

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				new legislative changes to report to Members.		
<u><b>Preparation for Safe and Legal transition of Housing Services re Local Government Reorganisation</b></u>		Quarter 4 of 2026-27 (Jan to March 2027)	(i) This could be covered in a number of one-off meetings. (ii) No scope required.	The Deputy Chief Executive has suggested that capacity be created in the Committee's work programme to respond to the Secretary of State's decision re Hertfordshire's LGR submission.		
<u><b>Statutory Item – Crime &amp; Disorder Committee</b></u>	AD Stevenage Direct Services, Lead Officer Sarah Pateman, Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities and Equalities – Cllr Nazmin Chowdhury	Meeting scheduled for: <b>24 March 2027 - tbc</b>	(iii)Yes, covered in one meeting (ii) No scope required (iv) Interviews with Chair of RAG, Herts Constabulary, Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Community	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.  <b>Update March 2026:</b> Members asked for some year-on-year statistics to		✓  This is a statutory standing item at CSC

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			Safety looking at past performance of the Community Safety Action Plan and future priorities	<p>see trends in Crime and Disorder data.</p> <p>The Committee to receive a progress update against the Community Safety Action Plan. The Committee to address the issue raised by Members re Community tensions – referencing the national Prevent Programme.</p> <p><u>Comment from the Chair June 2026:</u>            The Police engage under their duty to co-operate. Consider seeking Members opinions on the effectiveness of the Policing Priorities (the police / Councillor's area</p>		

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				community safety meetings).		
<u><b>Standing Item - Public Health</b></u>	AD Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford, and Health & Sports Strategy Manager, Ryan Ansell, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Wellbeing, Cllr Myla Arceno	Meeting scheduled for: <b>September 2026 tbc</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) Other Members to be invited – SBC Rep on HCC Health Scrutiny Cttee.	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 HCC Public Health Team) be invited to update Members on matters relating to Public Health and Stevenage (if possible, including the “tartan rug” the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment)	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  2026-27 Update may need to be SBC focused from the Health & Wellbeing Manager - If it's possible to have input from HCC PH then this should be locally focused on Stevenage and have ward level data

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				<i>For 2026-27 it is recommended that the focus would be to bring the SBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy as a pre-scrutiny policy development item to Committee so Members can consider the public consultation Feedback.</i>		
<u><b>2026-27 Work Programme</b></u>		To be scheduled - March 2027.	One off meeting			✓

<b>Monitoring of Previous Recommendations/Actions</b>								
<b>Scrutiny items:</b> (Follow up in 2022/23)	<b>Strategic Director, Assistant Director, Lead Officer(s) &amp; Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Provisional meeting date(s) identified</b>	<b>Number of meetings item can be covered in?</b>	<b>Expectation/ Style of meeting</b>	<b>Scoping details (whether full scope or simple scope required)</b>	<b>Other details</b>	<b>Comment by lead Assistant Director/ Deputy</b>	<b>Complete</b> ✓ ✘
Action Tracker.	N/A	<b>23 July 2026</b>	(i) <u>Covered in a single meeting</u> revisiting the previous review and seeing where we are today		N/A	Any monitoring of previous reviews will be agreed when the Committee considers the action tracker at a meeting of the July 2026	Include the following new items: 1. Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion review 2. Older People	✓