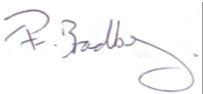


LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN		WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2025/26 and Action Tracker		
REPORT OF: Executive Director Supporting Communities		
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee		DATE: 14 July 2025
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2025/26 and tracks actions from previous meetings.</p> <p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION: No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>CONTACT OFFICER: Oliver Jones Director of Recreation Supporting Communities 5 Pancras Square London N1C 4AG Telephone: 020 7974 8832 Email: oliver.jones@camden.gov.uk</p>		
<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee is asked to: (i) note and identify any issues or areas for consideration within the proposed work programme for 2025/26 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.</p>		
<p>SIGNED:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Richard Bradbury, Director of Environment and Sustainability</p> <p>DATE: 3 July 2025</p>		

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an outline of the proposed 2025/26 work programme for the Committee at Appendix A. It also presents an update on progress in following up on actions from previous meetings.

2. Terms of reference

- 2.1 The Committee has the following terms of reference:

1. To scrutinise the Council's cultural and environmental policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to culture, environment, regeneration, community safety, parking strategy and operations, and the voluntary sector provided by the Supporting Communities and Corporate Services Directorates and other service providers.
2. To be the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

3. General information about planning the work programme

- 3.1 The work programme should be informed by the corporate priorities of the Council, the priorities of the relevant portfolio holders, and issues raised by Camden's communities.
- 3.2 The following prioritisation criteria has been considered as a good practice approach to supporting the ruthless prioritisation of individual scrutiny committee agenda items:
- Will improve outcomes for residents and local communities and/or value for money;
 - Is of significant relevance to residents and local communities;
 - Will contribute to the understanding and/or delivery of agreed strategic priorities;
 - Will help develop a shared understanding of a problem, its challenges, opportunities and possible solutions;
 - Will promote wider engagement with local residents, communities and the local voluntary and community sector (VCS);
 - Will increase collaborative working, sharing of information, networking and engaging across stakeholders.
- 3.3 The Committee covers a wide range of services as seen in the terms of reference. The structure chart at Appendix C identifies the key senior officers who hold these services within their divisions.
- 3.4 A provisional work programme is available at Appendix A. Further changes can be made as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee is asked to review the contents of the work programme and provide their views on what the Committee may wish to discuss during the 2025/26 municipal year. There may also be matters that emerge during the year that warrant amendments to the programme.

3.5 The Committee is also invited to consider what, if any, forthcoming key Cabinet decisions it wishes to look at in advance of those decisions being taken. Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit are set out at Appendix B.

3.6 An action tracker, which updates on progress in following up the Committee's actions, is at Appendix D.

4 Scrutiny Panels

4.1 The Committee can form scrutiny panels to look at more specific areas under its remit. These are task-and-finish panels and should be established with clear terms of reference and target date to report back to the main Committee.

4.2 The Committee is constitutionally limited to one panel at a time, and co-ordination of Panels should be agreed with the other Scrutiny Committees to ensure effective use and co-ordination of resources across all scrutiny committees.

5 Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor

5.1 There are no legal comments arising from this report.

6 Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

6.1 There are no finance comments arising from this report.

7. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

REPORT ENDS

Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2025/26

Work Programme 2025/2026

Meeting date and theme	Item
Upcoming meetings	
Monday 14 th July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Cabinet Adviser on low-carbon environments • Petition to Ban BBQ's in Waterlow Park, Highgate • Update on Plant-Based food for all Camden Internal Catering • St Margaret's School and St Luke's CoE School Healthy School Street Scheme Call-in Report • Insight, Learning and Impact Report Q4/End of year 2024/25
Monday 15 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Cabinet Adviser on Resident Engagement on Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Safety • Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Equalities and Cohesion • Green Space Investment Plan 2025-30
Monday 11 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities • CCTV – Strategy and Estates Upgrade Plan report - TBC • Right Care Right Person (RCRP) - Mental Health input from partner agencies (London Ambulance Adult Social Services) • Trees update
Monday 8 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden • Camden Climate Action Plan review (2023/24)
Monday 12 th January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising Boards • Dockless Bike Hire Scheme /Scooters update • Get Active Programme (getting people with low levels of physical activity exercising)
Monday 23 rd February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment • Thames Water Update • Update on Culture

Tuesday 10th March 2026	
2026/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBC

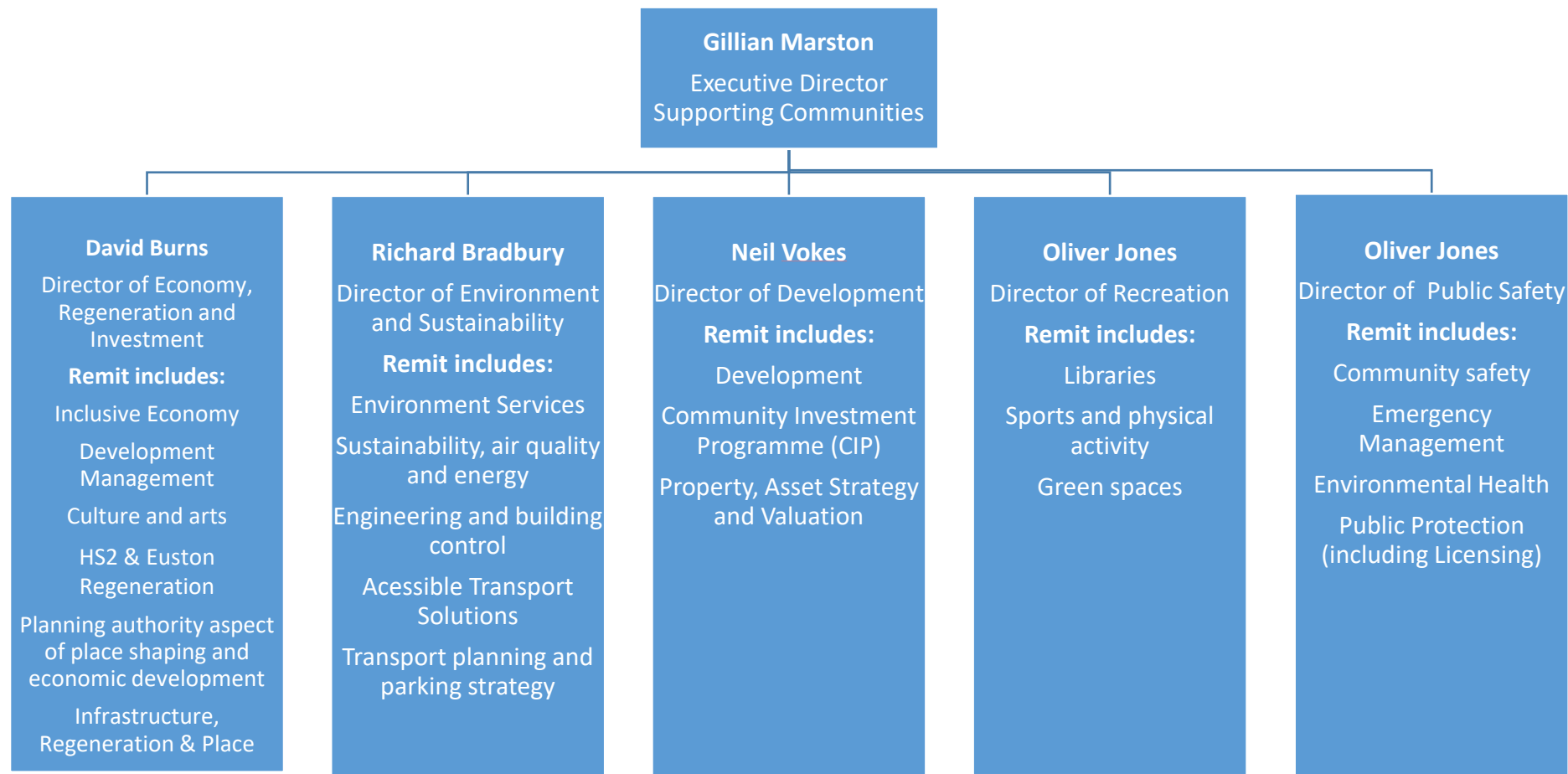
Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 July 2025 – 31 October 2025)

Item	Summary	Decision-making body	Indicative decision date
Procurement Strategy for the Routes off the Streets Contract (All Wards)	To consider the procurement strategy for a new contract for the Routes off the Streets rough sleeping service from 1 April 2026.	Cabinet	16 July 2025
Update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Position (All Wards)	To consider an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial position and outlook, including the provisional revenue outturn for 2024/25 (including use of reserves), the provisional capital outturn for 2024/25 and an update to the Capital Programme.	Cabinet	16 July 2025
Draft North London Joint Waste Strategy 2025-2040 (All Wards)	To consider the approval of the Joint North London Joint Waste Strategy.	Cabinet	16 July 2025
Albany Street Safe and Healthy Streets (Regent's Park)	To consider safe and healthy streets proposals on Albany Street. These will include walking and accessibility, cycling, junction, road safety and public realm changes.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	7 August 2025

Euston Town Business Improvement District Renewal Ballot Proposal (Regent's Park)	To consider the Euston Town request for a Business Improvement District renewal ballot in January 2026 to seek a new five-year term, and whether the Euston Town renewal proposal conflicts to a material extent with any formal Council policy.	Cabinet Member for Jobs, Young People and Culture	8 August 2025
Camden Town Unlimited Business Improvement District Renewal Ballot Proposal (Camden Town)	To consider the Camden Town Unlimited request for a Business Improvement District renewal ballot in January 2026 to seek a new five-year term, and whether the Camden Town Unlimited renewal proposal conflicts to a material extent with any formal Council policy.	Cabinet Member for Jobs, Young People and Culture	8 August 2025
Euston Area Plan (EAP) Update (Bloomsbury; Camden Town; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers Town)	<p>To consider approval of a six-week public consultation on the draft Euston Area Plan (EAP) update.</p> <p>The EAP is a strategic planning framework to guide the redevelopment of Euston station.</p>	Cabinet	17 September 2025
Treasury Management Annual Outturn Report (All Wards)	This report asks Cabinet to note the Treasury Management Annual Outturn Report for 2024-25 and recommend to Council for approval.	Cabinet	17 September 2025

Procurement Strategy for Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funded Lamp Column Electric Vehicle Charge Points (All Wards)	To consider the proposed approach for the commissioning of between 700-1,200 lamp column electric vehicle charge points across the Borough.	Cabinet	17 September 2025
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Appendix C: Supporting Communities structure related to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee*



* NB: This is not the full top level Supporting Communities structure chart

Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2025/26

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
24 th February 2025			
<u>Thames Water Update Report</u> A report from Thames Water on reasons for reinstatement work on Warren Street being carried out twice	Stakeholder Engagement Manager Thames Water, and Head of Asset Planning Thames Water	O	
<u>Thames Water Update Report</u> To provide more clarity and evidence about the terms used to describe the condition of the pipes in Thames Water reports. To share the methodology used with Committee members.	Stakeholder Engagement Manager Thames Water, and Head of Asset Planning Thames Water		

<u>Thames Water Update Report</u> To provide a list of the roads in Camden that had been dug up more than once by Thames Water over the last five years.	Stakeholder Engagement Manager Thames Water, and Head of Asset Planning Thames Water		
<u>Dockless Bike Hire Scheme</u> As part of the ongoing monthly monitoring contract reports received from both operators to request that this includes information on the number of accidents customers had using the bikes.	Head of Transport Strategy and Projects	This has been actioned. The team has now started receiving the data. An item on the monthly meeting agenda with both operators has also been added to enable the team to understand better the context in which the reported incidents are happening.	
<u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment</u>			

To a provide a written response to Councillor Revah about whether the new builds in Gospel Oak would include workspaces that had been previously promised.	Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment		
ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
14th July 2025			

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
15 September 2025			

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
11 November 2025			

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