

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

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REPORT TITLE: Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2026/27 and Action Tracker

REPORT OF: Executive Director Investment Place and Opportunity

FOR SUBMISSION TO:
Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee

DATE:
2 July 2026

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2026/27 and tracks actions from previous meetings.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION:

No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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 2026/27 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.

SIGNED:



Oliver Jones, Director of Recreation and Public Safety

DATE: 22nd June 2026

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an outline of the proposed 2026/27 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:
- 2.2 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 Investment, Place and Opportunity and Corporate Services Directorates and other service providers.
- 2.3 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 2026/27 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 Director of Finance

- 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 2026/27

Work Programme 2026/2027

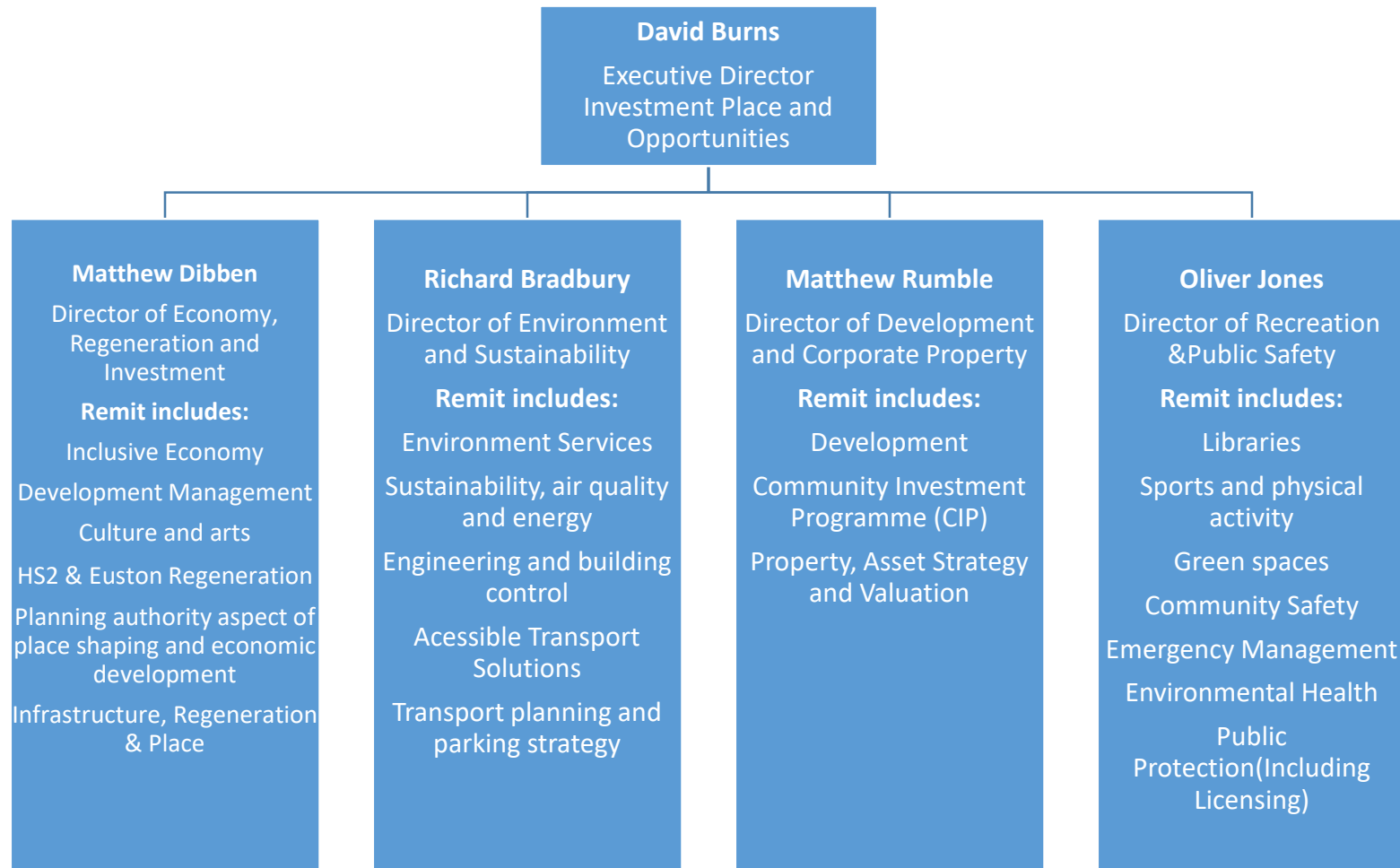
Meeting date and theme	Item
Upcoming meetings	
Tuesday 2nd July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insight, Learning & Impact Report 2025-26 • Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2026/27
Thursday 3rd September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Cabinet Member for Community Resilience and Deputy Leader • Further items to be agreed by the Committee in mid-July
Thursday 5th November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Deputy Leader • Clean Air Action Plan • Further items to be agreed by the Committee in mid-July
Thursday 3rd December 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden • Camden Transport Strategy Annual Update 2026 • Further items to be agreed by the Committee in mid-July
Monday 11th January 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dockless Bike Hire Progress Update • Further items to be agreed by the Committee in mid-July
Thursday 18th February 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment • Climate Action Plan 2026-2030 – Annual Review • Thames Water Update • Further items to be agreed by the Committee in mid-July
	At the 10 th March 2026 meeting the Committee suggested adding the following to the work programme for 2026/27

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Mail delivery issues, noting it was a national and local concern affecting residents.• A report on developments and improvements to Camden's recycling provision and food waste collection for the next municipal year.• Transport for London (TfL) Buses should be invited back to provide an update on bus ventilation and the rollout of new electric fleets, as little progress had been noted since their last attendance.
2027/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBC

Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 May 2026 to 31 August 2026)

Item	Summary	Decision-making body	Indicative decision date
Funding for Camden Advice Network (All Wards)	To consider a 12-month extension to the current Camden Advice Network until April 2028 and to consider funding the independent advice provision via Camden's Voluntary and Community Sector (2028-2033).	Cabinet	6 July 2026
Procurement of the Camden Rough Sleeping Hub (All Wards)	To consider the approval of the procurement strategy for the Camden Rough Sleeping Hub Service, which provides bedspaces for people rough sleeping in Camden.	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities	20 July 2026
Procurement of the Camden Respite Rooms (All Wards)	To consider the procurement strategy for the Camden Respite Rooms services which provides short-term accommodation-based services to a very vulnerable cohort of women.	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities	20 July 2026

Appendix C: Investment Place and Opportunities structure related to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee



Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2025/26

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
10 November 2025			
<p><u>Hampstead Cemetery Opening hours deputation</u></p> <p>To share the details of the pilot relating to the trial period of extending Hampstead Cemetery opening in 2026 including the cost of the pilot with the Committee.</p> <p><u>Bike Hanger Placement, Dartmouth Park Avenue</u></p> <p>Officers to meet with the depute to explore minor relocation options.</p>	<p>Director of Recreation and Public Safety.</p> <p>Lead Principal Transport Planner</p>		

<p><u>A New MET For London Phase 2</u></p> <p>To provide the Committee with Police misconduct and dismissal figures for Camden and Islington and to share local Prevent referral data with the committee.</p>	<p>Police Borough Commander</p>		
<p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities</u></p> <p>To review and provide accurate rough sleeping figures and share the CCTV location list with the Committee.</p>	<p>Head of Community Safety and Enforcement</p>		

ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
8 December 2025			
<p><u>Climate Action Plan 2026-2030</u></p> <p>To circulate to members details of where and when the next Citizens Assembly would take place.</p>	<p>Head of Climate, Air Quality and Energy</p>		<p>Completed</p>
<p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</u></p> <p>In relation to recycling performance data to provide clearer residual waste and recycling rate figures.</p>	<p>Director of Environment and Sustainability</p>		
<p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a</u></p>			

<p><u>Sustainable Camden</u> To provide a local community skip in West Hampstead / Fortune Green, to factor into future planning.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable</p>		
ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
<p>23rd February 2026</p>			
<p><u>Thames Water Update report</u> To provide an update on concerns raised about reinstatement work.</p> <p>To provide clarification to the Committee on dividend payments to shareholders.</p> <p>To confirm service level agreement timelines for infrastructure works.</p>	<p>Thames Water Local Engagement Manage</p> <p>Thames Water Local Engagement Manage</p> <p>Thames Water Local Engagement Manage</p>		

<p><u>Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment Annual report</u></p> <p>To provide the Committee with a briefing note on lessons learned from Passive House experiments.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment</p>		
<p>ACTION</p>	<p>OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE</p>	<p>COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>
<p>10th March 2026</p>			
<p><u>Housing CCTV Upgrades</u></p> <p>To provide the Committee with a full timeline in writing of the Bourne Estate CCTV upgrades.</p>	<p>Head of Facilities Management</p>	<p>The Bourne estate has been a difficult site to progress due to various impacting projects and previous works. There has been monthly Project Update Meetings (PUM) since the whole upgrade scheme commenced over 3 years ago.</p> <p>The initial phase of works was to get the new wireless network installed. Phase 2 was surveying Equiano, Dobson, Kirkby & Buckridge, creating montage (APPENDIX 1)</p>	<p>Completed</p>

		<p>detailing scope (APPENDIX 2) and receiving quotes for the upgrade works required. The estates were prioritised with Community Safety based on known risks.</p> <p>Please see APPENDIX 3 – Minutes of monthly meeting date back to 3 years ago with last being March 26 (PUM 53). You will see that Bourne Estate has been in regular discussion and review by the project team, but it also highlights several issues with access, other works and wrongly configured infrastructure wiring by the new build team. All of these have had to be redesigned, worked around and have created a delay whilst we wait for other work to complete. The major delaying element has been Camden Housing team working on site fitting Fire doors.</p> <p>Most recently we have been reviewing the new blocks, Equiano and Dobson Court, as noted they were built without internal CCTV, and it is very difficult to retrofit, like we would in the older blocks, as the finishes internally do not lend to aesthetic works.</p> <p>Please see APPENDIX 4 – Project update from Housing Team on 2 years Fire Door Project with them informing us this will be completing in August 26. We can then access site and complete our planned CCTV upgrades.</p> <p>We found the door entry CCTV on the same supply as ours and they need to be separate to comply with Policy. We had received complaints when carrying out works previously that the door entry system has ceased working and was causing local issues with secure access. Tyco have a solution to separate the two systems so we can work independently but</p>	
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		<p>they need to meet with the HRA maintenance Contractor for the door entry system to run through it, agree it and test it. This is now being planned in.</p> <p>As the upgrade program is covering 50+ estates, when we are delayed or access restricted, we set out actions at monthly meetings, but we progress with other estates that do not have any restrictions.</p> <p>We still have 8 estates to deliver, and the Bourne Estate will fit within the remaining program, looking to recommence in May as long as project team have completed.</p>	
<p><u>Housing CCTV Upgrades</u></p> <p>To confirm the functionality of those specific cameras Dobson Court and Equiano Court.</p>	<p>The Director of Recreation and Public Safety</p>	<p>The estates are in the process of being updated. The old cameras are no longer operational however there are new operational cameras at Equiano Court and new cameras being installed at Dobson Court with installation issues set out in para 3.7 of the March committee report.</p>	

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