

Work Programme of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board 2025/26

17 July 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board Work Programme 2025-2026 Municipal Year		<u>Purpose of report:</u> To establish the work programme for the 2025-2026 Municipal Year	Each item included on the work programme will indicate how it aligns to the Council Plan.	Suky Suthi-Nagra Alexander Goddard
Performance Management Framework – 2024-25 Quarter 4 and Annual Monitoring	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise the 2024-25 quarter 4 and annual monitoring outturns of the Performance Management Framework	The Performance Management Framework supports all objectives of the Council Plan.	Kate Ashley Kayleigh Walker

11 September 2025				
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Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To maintain oversight of the budget in-year and hold decision makers to account.	Effective financial processes support all aspects of the Council Plan.	Alex Thompson Claire Spencer Other Directors/ Cabinet Members as appropriate
Tracking and Monitoring Impact of Scrutiny Recommendations	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To maintain oversight of the impact that scrutiny recommendations are having and to hold decision makers to account.	Each recommendation will indicate which elements of the Council Plan it is aligned with.	Directors and Cabinet Members as appropriate

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Customer Feedback Annual Report 2024/25	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To review the customer feedback annual report for 2024/25.	Effective management of customer feedback supports all aspects of the Council Plan	Colette Knight
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9 October 2025

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Meeting Cancelled

(Additional meetings 23rd and 28th October and 5th and 13th November for scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2026/27 Proposals)

6 November 2025

Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Performance Management Framework – Quarter 1	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise the quarter 1 return of the Performance Management Framework	The Performance Management Framework supports all objectives of the Council Plan.	Kayleigh Walker
Debt Collection	Seeking assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To consider the Council's Debt Collection processes and performance.	One Council, One Team	Alex Thompson

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11 December 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Procurement Central Digital Platform update	Seeking assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To consider the latest update on the Central Digital Platform for procurement.	Thriving economy in Sandwell - A sustainable financial strategy and frameworks to enable controlled and coherent delivery of the council's priorities.	James McLaughlin
Feasibility of bringing the grant funding service in-house	Policy development	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To consider the feasibility of bringing the grant funding service in-house and to make any recommendations to Cabinet on the matter.	Thriving economy in Sandwell - Encourage a positive environment where businesses and our community and voluntary organisations are supported to grow; and investment into the borough is maximised, creating job opportunities for local residents.	James McLaughlin and Kate Ashley

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Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To maintain oversight of the budget in-year and hold decision makers to account.	Effective financial processes support all aspects of the Council Plan.	Alex Thompson Claire Spencer Other Directors/ Cabinet Members as appropriate
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28 January 2026

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Performance Management Framework – Quarter 2	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise the quarter 2 return of the Performance Management Framework.	The Performance Management Framework supports all objectives of the Council Plan.	Kayleigh Walker
Seed and/or Start-up Funding for New and Emerging Groups	Policy development	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise seed and/or start-up funding that will be made available to new and emerging groups, including details of how it would be ring-fenced.	Thriving economy in Sandwell - Encourage a positive environment where businesses and our community and voluntary organisations are supported to grow; and investment into the borough is maximised, creating job opportunities for local residents.	

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19 March 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Budget Monitoring- Quarter 3	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To maintain oversight of the budget in-year and hold decision makers to account.	Effective financial processes support all aspects of the Council Plan.	Alex Thompson Claire Spencer Other Directors/ Cabinet Members as appropriate
Performance Management Framework – Quarter 3	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise the quarter 3 return of the Performance Management Framework.	The Performance Management Framework supports all objectives of the Council Plan.	Kayleigh Walker
Tracking and Monitoring Impact of Scrutiny Recommendations	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To maintain oversight of the impact that scrutiny recommendations are having and to hold decision makers to account.	Each recommendation will indicate which elements of the Council Plan it is aligned with.	Directors and Cabinet Members as appropriate

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Items to be rescheduled

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Previously scheduled for 9 October 2025				
Customer Journey Review – Follow Up	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To consider the latest update on the Customer Journey Scrutiny Review outcomes, including progress and impact.	One Council, One Team - High quality inclusive services for all of our customers.	James McLaughlin
West Midlands Local Government Pension Scheme	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To scrutinise the West Midlands Local Government Pension Scheme, to seek assurances around service provision.	One Council, One Team - An employer of choice with an engaged and high performing workforce.	West Midlands Local Government Pension Scheme HR representatives
Procurement Strategy Update	Seeking assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To review the latest position in relation to the Procurement Strategy.	One Council, One Team - A sustainable financial strategy and frameworks to enable controlled and coherent delivery of the council's priorities.	Mike Jones
Previously scheduled for 6 November 2025				
West Midlands Combined Authority Annual Scrutiny Report 2024/25	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To consider the WMCA Annual Scrutiny Report.	The work of the WMCA supports all of the objectives of the Council Plan, particularly Living in Sandwell and	WMCA Scrutiny Chair(s) Relevant WMCA Officers

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			Thriving Economy in Sandwell.	
West Midlands Combined Authority Corporate Update	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To receive and consider a corporate update from the WMCA	The work of the WMCA supports all of the objectives of the Council Plan, particularly Living in Sandwell and Thriving Economy in Sandwell.	Relevant WMCA Officers