

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

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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
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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6 November 2025				
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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
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
Medium term Financial Strategy – Conclusions and Feedback to the Executive	Pre-decision scrutiny.	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To determine feedback and any recommendations to the Cabinet on the proposals set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2026/27.	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				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
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.	
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

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Medium Term Financial Strategy – Impact of Outcome from Public Consultation	Pre-decision scrutiny.	<u>Purpose of report:</u> To receive feedback on the impact of the outcome of the public consultation exercise on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2026/27.		Effective financial processes support all aspects of the Council Plan. Alex Thompson Claire Spencer Other Directors/ Cabinet Members as appropriate
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10 February 2026

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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 Thriving Economy in Sandwell.	WMCA Scrutiny Chair(s) Relevant WMCA Officers
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

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19 March 2026				
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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
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
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