

Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee

Appendix A: Forward Work Programme June 2025 – April 2026

Last Updated: Monday, 16 June 2025

Induction and Forward Planning – May & June 2025				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
Tues 20 May 2025	Induction for new members and beginning of forward planning:	Michael Edley (MTE) with support of continuing members	Mercury 3: 6:30pm	Exact detail dependent on number of new members
Tues 27 May 2025	Forward planning Workshop 1	MTE with CLT	Mercury 3: 6:00pm	Received feedback from CLT in preparation for 4 June 2025
Wed 4 June 2025	Forward Planning Workshop 2	MTE & BB with members	Mercury 3: 6:30pm	Prioritisation and programming

June 2025 Training for Members				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
June 18 2025	Asking questions and making good recommendations	DB / BB / SGO	Mercury 3, 6pm	Training

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Committee Meeting - June 24 2025					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Election of members to the CISC pool of designated chairs	Governance of CISC task groups	Nominate 5 CISC members who can chair a task group: 2 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat Appoint chair of Budget Task Group and Improvement & Recovery task Group Appoint 3 additional members to each task group	Procedural	Ben Bix
2	Approval of Forward Plan 2025-26	Work programming	Sign off the forward plan as produced on 4 June 2025	Procedural / Administrative	Ben Bix

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Briefing/Training for Members – July 2025				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
02 July 2025	Adult Social Care - Matters relating to Assessment reviews, Disabled Facilities Grants & Market Sustainability	David Coleman-Groom	Mercury 3	Precursor to <i>possible</i> agenda item
Committee Meeting - July 29 2025				
Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1 Temporary Financial Support Scheme for Residents	Council Tax Support Scheme and Hardship fund	Follow up to implementation of scheme	Update on scheme	Andy Jeffs
2 Children's Services Improvement	Youth Justice CQC assessment	Findings of CQC and SBC/SCF response	Call to account	Sue Butcher
Proposed additional Meeting - August 2025 (date to be confirmed)				
Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1 Public Health, environment - Thames Water & Environment Agency	To review water pollution and supply issues relating to public health	To respond to recent issues of public concern / Motion to Council April 2024	Call to account	Pat Hayes, Daniel Ray, TW Representative
2 Recycling and Waste Management in Slough	To review the status of the provision of Recycling and Waste Management Services	Carry forward item from 2024	Appreciative Inquiry	Pat Hayes

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Sept 2025 Training for Members				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
3 September 2025	Using Data & Insight in Scrutiny Reviews	Aman Gill & Scrutiny Officer	6pm, Mercury 3	
TBC	Temporary Accommodation	Lisa Keating	TBC	This would be in preparation for the October review

Committee Meeting - 30 September 2025					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Task and Finish Group Report	NEETS	To receive the report of the NEETS Task and Finish Group	Final Report and Recommendations	Scrutiny Officer. Christine Hulme
2	Adult Social Care CQC Report	Report and Improvement Plan	Review findings and SBC response	Call to account	David Coleman Groom

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Oct 2026 Training for Members

Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
1 October 2025	Life expectancy in Slough compared to neighbouring authorities and in the wider context	Tessa Lindfield	Mercury 3, 18:00	Training

Committee Meeting - 28 Oct 2025

	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Housing – Temporary Accommodation	Temporary accommodation review	To understand the status of the provision of the service and consider whether to establish a task and finish group	Initial exploration	Lisa Keating
2	Finance / Procurement	Procurement – follow up from January 2023 task and finish review	To follow up recommendations previously made.	Review of recommendations previously made	Christopher Holme

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November 2025 Training for Members				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
5 November 2025	Overview of Local Plan and the opportunities it provides	Daniel Ray	Mercury 6pm	Training

November 2025 – Workshop				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
19 November 2025	Refresh of CISC forward plan Jan 2026-April 2026	Scrutiny Officer	TBC	To look back at work completed and revisit planned work, including progress of task and finish groups

Committee Meeting - 25 November 2025					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Housing Maintenance	Housing Maintenance Service – review of performance	To review the performance of the Council's Housing Maintenance Service	Performance review	Lisa Keating
2	Equality and Diversity	Equalities – update on LGA peer review	To understand the status of the Council's approach to equality and diversity	Appreciative Inquiry / Contextual	Bal Toor / Sarah Wilson

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December 2025 Training for Members

Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
TBC	Data & IT Strategy	Martin Chalmers	TBC	Training

Committee Meeting - 16 Dec 2025

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1	Parking	Review of the rollout of Controlled Parking Zones	To review the rollout of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs)	Critical Friend	Matthew Hooper
2	Review of Forward Plan / Work Programme	Revisions to forward plan January 2026-March 2026	Approve revisions following refresh		Scrutiny Officer

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January 2026: Briefing for Members			
DATE	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Notes
TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme	TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme

Committee Meeting - 28 January 2026					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Budget / Finance	Final draft of Budget 2026-27 and MTFS	To scrutinise the draft Budget and MTFS 2026-27	Pre-decision	Annabel Scholes
2	Planning	Local Plan	To scrutinise the potential options within the local plan as it takes shape	Pre-decision	Daniel Ray

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February 2026: Training for Members				
Date	Topic / Issue	Delivered by	Where and time	Notes
TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme	TBC	TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme

Committee Meeting - 24 February 2026					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Community Safety	Undertake statutory annual review of community safety	To assess progress since CISC report in February 2025	Call to account	Tessa Lindfield Helen Kenny (TV Police)
2	Public Health	Tobacco and vapes	To understand the implications of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill / Act for Slough	Appreciative Inquiry	Tessa Lindfield

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March 2026 Training for Members				
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TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme	TBC	TBC	To be established as an outcome from November 2025 review of work programme

30 March 2026					
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1	Governance	Council Trusts	To review the future governance and management of SBC Trusts	Review	Pat Hayes / Monitoring Officer

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Committee Meeting - 28 April 2026					
	Priority Area, Reference / Directions	Topic / Issue	Purpose	Type of Scrutiny	Responsibility
1	Governance and scrutiny	Annual Scrutiny Report	To receive the report and recommend it to Council	Procedural	Scrutiny Officer
2	Budget Scrutiny	Final Report of the Budget Task and Finish Group	To consider the recommendations of the task and finish group	Report & Recommendations	Scrutiny Officer
3	Improvement & Recovery Programme	Final Report of the Task group on Improvement and recovery	To consider the recommendations of the task and finish group	Report & Recommendations	Scrutiny Officer

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MAY 2026: Provisional dates in calendar				
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No Committee but 2-3 workshops to identify topics for scrutiny and build these into CISC meeting Agendas as either agenda items or Task and Finish groups	Agenda Item Carry forwards from 2025/26	Preparation for 2026-27	Work programming	Sukdave Ghuman Scrutiny Officer

Reserve list of topics for 2025-26					
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	Young people	Developing social running clubs for young people	To follow up presentation from Participation Forum	Consider task group	Kate McCorriston

**2026-27 Updates for agenda items or information reports
(Arising from action tracker and following up of CISC recommendations to Cabinet)**

Topic	Type of report	Timing	Responsible Director

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Budget Management and Planning Task Group

Date	Topic	Officer responsible	Notes
July	To be scheduled		
Sept	To be scheduled		
Oct	To be scheduled		
Nov	To be scheduled		
Dec	To be scheduled		
Jan	To be scheduled		
Feb	To be scheduled		
March	To be scheduled		
April	Sign off final report	TG Chair and Scrutiny Officer	

Improvement and Recovery Programme Task Group

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July	To be scheduled		
Sept	To be scheduled		
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