

Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Name of Item	Description of Item	Suggested Meeting Date	Service Area	Lead Officer
Local Communities and Democratic Engagement	To discuss report issued to council from New Local and make recommendations on	7 October 2025	Communities	Vicky Haywood, Strategic Enabling Communities Lead
Herbicide Free Weed Management Work Programme	To receive an update on the programme which has been implemented across the City: https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/news/2025/03/24/new-herbicide-free-weed-management-work-programme-approved-for-cambridge	7 October 2025	City Services	Alistair Wilson, Assistant Director of Public Realm and Environment
TBC: Equalities Strategy	To scrutinise the current strategy and reasons for proposed redrafting.	TBC: 2 December 2025 3 February 2026	Economy and Place	Keryn Jalli, Strategic Resettlement and Community Equity Lead
Community Wealth Building Strategy	Post-scrutiny of impact of agreement of strategy approx. 18 months prior	2 December 2025	TBC	TBC
Impact of changes to fees and charges	Post-scrutiny on the impact of changes to fees and charges on use of council services.	2 December 2025	TBC	TBC

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Homelessness Strategy	To consider the recommendations from the initial review and to provide input into the actions and strategy.	3 February 2026	TBC	TBC
Update on the Climate Change Strategy	The council's current climate change strategy runs to 2026 and therefore we are beginning work to update it. We expect to go to Cabinet for approval to consult in autumn 2025 on a draft. The period of the next strategy ends in 2030 which is the target date for achieving net zero in our operations.	3 February 2026	Economy and Place	Jemma Little, Head of Economy, Energy & Climate
City Centre Heat Network	Pre-scrutiny ahead of report to Cabinet on 10 February 2026. Issue details - City Centre Heat Network - Cambridge Council	3 February 2026	Economy and Place	Ben Binns, Assistant Director of Development
Culture Strategy	TBC	TBC: Post-Festival 2026	TBC	TBC
Folk Festival	Review of 2026 edition and changes agreed 2025.	TBC: Post-Festival 2026	TBC	TBC

Watching brief/potential items:

- Bereavement Services
- Reorganisation of City Services
- Recycling contract

The following items are within the remit of the Performance OSC, so would only feature on a Services OSC agenda as it related to Services remit specifically

- Local Growth Plan
- Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority
- Corporate Plan