

Appendix C

Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Items and dates are provisional and will be confirmed on the agenda for each meeting.

Business previously considered by the Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee can be found on the council's website:

[Committee details - Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Cambridge Council](#)

| Name of Item | Description of Item | Suggested Meeting Date | Service Area | Lead Officer |
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| 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. <u>Issue details - City Centre Heat Network - Cambridge Council</u> | 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