

Work Programme: 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
Bin Fill Levels – task and Finish Group work	Report on outcomes of the bin sensor and digital monitoring trial as an agreed task and finish work under the Litter Strategy Action Plan.	2 December 2025	Shared Waste	Bode Esan, Head of Climate, Environment and Waste

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Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Contract 6-months update.	To scrutinise performance of the contract agreed in March 2025: New contract set to boost recycling for items put in blue bins - Cambridge City Council	2 December 2025	Shared Waste	Bode Esan, Head of Climate, Environment and Waste
Community Wealth Building Strategy	Post-scrutiny of impact of agreement of strategy approx. 18 months prior	2 December 2025	Communities	
Homelessness Strategy	To consider the recommendations from the initial review and to provide input into the actions and strategy.	3 February 2026	Communities	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
Bio-diversity Strategy	To consider the bio-diversity strategy as it moves through consultation	11 March 2026	City Services	Guy Belcher
Urban Forest Strategy	To review the Urban Forest Strategy before decision on updating	11 March 2026	Economy and Place	Guy Belcher

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Impact of internal reorganisation on Public Realm/City Services, including service delivery implications and the introduction of revised fees and charges.	Post-scrutiny on the impact of changes to fees and charges on use of council services.	11 March 2026	City Group	TBC
Equalities Strategy	To scrutinise the current strategy and reasons for proposed redrafting.	TBC	Communities	Keryn Jalli, Strategic Resettlement and Community Equity Lead
Culture Strategy	TBC	TBC: Post-Festival 2026	TBC	TBC
Folk Festival	Review of 2026 edition and changes agreed 2025.	TBC: Post-Festival 2026,	Communities	Frances Alderton, Sam Scharf
Cambridge City Council Fleet de-carbonisation and replacement project	Cambridge City Council's programme on the decarbonisation of Council wider, organic fleet.	TBC:	City Group	Peter Finch, Sean Cleary
Bin collection routes	TBC	TBC:	TBC	TBC

Watching brief/potential items:

- Bereavement Services

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