REPORT TITLE: Work Programme Update

To:
Services, Climate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (19th November 2026)

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Wards affected:
All

1.	**Introduction**
1.1	This report presents the current work programme of the Committee following the informal meeting in June 2026. Scrutiny should be a member-led process, and it is the role of committee members to decide which items they would like to add to the work programme. When thinking about potential topics, it is suggested that members consider the **PAPER** mnemonic: **P**ublic Interest – is this a matter of interest / relevance to residents? **A**bility to Change – is this an area where scrutiny can have a meaningful impact? **P**erformance – is this an area where the council or local service providers are underperforming or one where there is a policy gap? **E**xtent – does the item effect the whole – or a large part – of the district? **R**eplication – is scrutiny replicating work going on elsewhere or is it an issue that has recently been considered by the committee? Members should also think about the core functions of scrutiny: Holding the Executive (Cabinet) to Account, Policy Development and Review, Performance Monitoring and External Scrutiny.

2.	**Recommendations for Scrutiny**
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee 1. Agree the current work programme (**Appendix 1**) and suggest any additional topics ideas for inclusion.
3.	**Next Steps**
3.1	If the Committee decide to add an item to the work programme, the Senior Overview and Scrutiny Officer will work with the Chair to agree the appropriate format e.g. committee item, written update, Task & Finish Group.
4.	**Corporate Plan**
4.1	The work programme supports a robust scrutiny function that is central to the governance process and the delivery of the priorities outlined in the Plan. Corporate plan 2022-27: our priorities for Cambridge - Cambridge City Council
5.	**Appendix**
5.1	Appendix 1 - Current Work Programme