

PLACE SCRUTINY BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME 2025/2026

Agenda item	Purpose	Portfolio lead & officer lead	Method of scrutiny	Additional information
Thursday, 12th June 2025				
Call In – Complying with the Biodiversity Duty - Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham	<i>Members have called in the Cabinet decision for review and consideration</i>	<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Local Authority Housing Fund Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Shah and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Housing Delivery Interim Planning Position Paper Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2025 Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Oldham Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy and Action Plan Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Goodwin and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>
Corporate Performance Report 2024/25 Q4		<i>Cllr Shah and Steve Hughes</i>		
Thursday, 24th July 2025				
Temporary Accommodation update and Cabinet Paper		<i>Cllr Shah and Neil Consterdine</i>	<i>Questions and agreed comments for Cabinet to consider</i>	<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration</i>

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Corporate Performance Report – Performance Management Development Sessions				
Greater Manchester Joint Waste and Minerals Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Council 16 July and Cabinet 21 July, Recommendation included granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
Open Space Interim Planning Position Paper		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Council 16 July and Cabinet 21 July, Recommendation included granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
Thursday, 2nd October 2025				
Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>Cabinet Paper for Scrutiny consideration. Report due to go to Cabinet 22 September therefore will need to include recommendation granting delegated authority to portfolio lead to take the final decision having considered any comments made by the Scrutiny Board.</i>
District working update	Provide members with update and overview of the service, post restructure – outlining refreshed operating model and key deliverables	Elaine Taylor and Jodie Barber	Presentation with Questions and comments for consideration	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q1				

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Thursday, 13th November 2025				
Highways & Winter Maintenance	Overview of Highways service delivery, routine maintenance and winter highway maintenance preparations	Cllr C Goodwin & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	
Food Safety & Standards	Update on statutory Food Safety & Standards Delivery Programme	Cllr E Taylor & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	Food Safety Plan 25/26
Bereavement Services	Update on service delivery, expanding capacity, future planning & out of hours service	Cllr E Taylor & Nasir Dad	Presentation & Questions	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q2				
w/c 8 December 2025 – Special Scrutiny Board to be arranged				
Oldham Local Plan – Publication Plan		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		
Strategic Planning Monitoring Reports	<i>Opportunity to consider annual monitoring reports prepared by Strategic Planning – Oldham Monitoring Report, Infrastructure Funding Statement, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and Brownfield Land Register.</i>	<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>15 December 2025 Cabinet Papers for Scrutiny consideration.</i>
Complying with the Biodiversity Duty – Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham Progress Report		<i>Cllr Taylor and Peter Richards</i>		<i>15 December 2025 Cabinet Papers for Scrutiny consideration. First progress report against Complying with the Biodiversity Duty – Our Policies and Objectives for Thriving Wildlife in Oldham must be published by 1 January 2026.</i>
Thursday, 22nd January 2026				
Annual Report – Emergency Planning			Cllr Hussain and Nasir Dad	
Annual Report – Community Safety			Cllr Hussain and Lorraine Kenny	

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Annual Report – Health and Safety			Cllr Hussain and Neil Crabtree	
Thursday, 19th March 2026				
Annual Report – CaBP			Cllr Shah and Chris Lewis	
Annual Report – GND			Cllr Jabbar and Andy Hunt	
Corporate Performance Report 2025/26 Q3				

Task and finish group deep dives:

Deep dive area:	Expanded proposal:
Housing Delivery – Development	
Housing Allocations (policy review)	
Housing Standards - Enforcement and Selective Licensing	
HMOs	September – specialist meeting