



## Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

16 July 2025

### Report from the Deputy Director, Democratic and Corporate Governance

## Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025/26.

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| <b>Wards Affected:</b>   | All   |
| <b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>  | Not Applicable  |
| <b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b><br>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act) | Open  |
| <b>List of Appendices:</b>   | Appendix A – Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025/26   |
| <b>Background Papers:</b>  | None  |
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### 1.0 Executive Summary

1.1.1 To present the Committee's work programme for 2025/26.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee's work programme (set out in Appendix A) be agreed.

### 3.0 Detail

#### 3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

3.1.1 Borough Plan 2023-2027 – all strategic priorities.

## 3.2 Background

3.2.1 The work programme outlines the items which the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee will consider during the municipal year.

3.2.2. The programme is in line with the remit of the Committee which is set out in the Council Constitution (under the Terms of Reference for scrutiny committees<sup>1</sup>):

*Corporate policy, partnerships and resources; Budget; Customer services; Commercial services; Planning policy; Environmental policy; Public realm; Employment and skills; IT; Recycling; Regeneration; Transport and highways; Community safety; Property; Emergency planning and business continuity.*

The Committee is also the Council's "crime and disorder committee" for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006 and as such may review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of the crime and disorder functions by the responsible authorities (as defined by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998) who make up the Safer Brent Partnership, in order to make reports or recommendations to Full Council.

3.2.3 At its annual work planning meeting, the Committee prioritised items for inclusion in its work programme, ensuring alignment with:

- The strategic priorities set out in the Borough Plan 2023-27
- Areas of local community concern
- Significant issues affecting a significant number of residents/wards
- High-profile national issues impacting the borough
- Emerging policies, strategies, and key decisions that would benefit from scrutiny input, or where there is strong interest from scrutiny to provide input

This method of prioritisation is in line with best practice<sup>2</sup>.

3.2.4 The work programme of a scrutiny committee is intended to be a flexible, living document that can adapt and change according to the needs of a committee. The 2025/26 work programme will therefore be regularly reviewed throughout the municipal year by the Committee and updated accordingly where necessary.

3.2.5 In addition to its programme of public meetings, the Committee will lead two task group reviews during the municipal year:

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<sup>1</sup> Brent Council Constitution, Part 4.

<https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s142996/Part%204%20May%202024%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The Good Scrutiny Guide (Centre for Public Scrutiny).

<https://www.cfqs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/CfPS-Good-Scrutiny-Guide-v4-WEB-SINGLE-PAGES.pdf>

- [Kerbside Management Scrutiny Task Group](#) - This group will explore how kerbside space in Brent can be better used to support sustainable and inclusive travel, improve public spaces, and deliver equitable community and environmental benefits. Its findings and recommendations will be presented to the Resources and Public Realm Committee on 2 September 2025.
- **Budget Scrutiny Task Group** – Starting in Autumn 2025, this group will review the Council’s draft Budget for 2026/27. Its findings will be reported to the Resources and Public Realm Committee on 21 January 2026.

#### **4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement**

- 4.1 Non-executive members were involved in developing the work programme as part of their membership of the Committee.
- 4.2 In developing its work programme, the Committee held sessions with stakeholders such as cabinet members, corporate directors, the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee, and ward councillors to temperature check key priority areas, avoid work duplication, and most importantly confirm the work programme reflects matters of local community concern.

#### **5.0 Financial Considerations**

- 5.1 There are no financial considerations arising from this report. However, budget and financial implications are addressed in the ‘Financial Considerations’ section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

#### **6.0 Legal Considerations**

- 6.1 There are no legal considerations arising from this report. However, legal implications are addressed in the ‘Legal Considerations’ section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

#### **7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations**

- 7.1 There are no EDI considerations for the purposes of this report. However, EDI implications are addressed in the ‘EDI Considerations’ section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

#### **8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations**

- 8.1 There are no climate change and environmental considerations for the purposes of this report. However, climate change and environmental implications are addressed in the ‘Climate Change and Environmental Considerations’ section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

#### **9.0 Communication Considerations**

- 9.1 There are no communication considerations for the purposes of this report. However, communication implications are addressed in the 'Communication Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

**Report sign off:**

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