

	Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee 29 July 2026
	Report from the Deputy Director, Democratic and Corporate Governance
Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2026/27	

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

1.1 To present the Committee's work programme for 2026/27.

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 committees¹):

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.

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
- High profile issues impacting the borough, issues of local political contention, and areas of local community concern
- Significant issues affecting a significant number of residents/wards
- Emerging policies, strategies, and key decisions that would benefit from scrutiny input and where scrutiny could add value

This method of prioritisation is in line with best practice².

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 2026/27 work programme will therefore be regularly reviewed throughout the municipal year by the Committee and updated accordingly where necessary.

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.

¹ Brent Council Constitution, Part 4.

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

² 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>

- 4.2 In developing its work programme, the Committee held sessions with key stakeholders 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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