

Scrutiny Work Programme 25/26

Timescale	Item	Detail	Attendance required	Forum	Progress
Thursday 10 July 2025 Thursday 18 September 2025 Thursday 6 November 2025	iPlan Workshop (Corporate Measures)	To examine areas of concern, trends and poor performance through iPlan – the Council's Corporate Measures system.	Luke Clements	Working Group	3 April 2025 – Members reviewed responses from SLT, reviewed current P1 Measures. Members also requested the attendance of the Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager and the Principal Planning Policy Officer to discuss 5 Year Housing Land Supply Measures. Members received a demonstration on Business intelligence and AI and its uses at the Council.
2 July 2025 29 September 11 November	Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution	To receive regular updates. 2 July: - The rationale behind the need to request additional establishment resource at cabinet less than 2 months after the budget was approved - To discuss the approach of other authorities and where the District Councils sit in relation to this - To discuss central governments response to the District Council proposal - What will be BDCs legacy after LGR?	Directors	Working Group	Dates to be circulated.
12 November	Annual Complaints Report	This is reviewed annually by Scrutiny. Scrutiny wish to receive information on: Emerging themes	Luke Clements	Scrutiny Commission	

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		- Trends over the last 5 years - Outcomes of complaints - Number of complaints related to calls received			
TBC	Lightbulb	Scrutiny requests a breakdown of Blaby's contribution compared to other partner authorities. Exploration of Lightbulb pilots and suggested outcome.	Caroline Harbour	Task & Finish	
TBC 2 meetings required.	Local Police	Updates are not consistently provided from local police to ward members/parishes. Why? Examine the level of communication between local police with ward members/parish councils. Scrutiny wishes to consider how members receive updates on their local policing issues via the CSP, and to explore how it can encourage more information sharing from the CSP specifically related to Blaby issues.	Caroline Harbour Rebecca Holcroft Carol Parker	Task & Finish	
TBC	Temporary Accommodation & Affordable Housing provision	In light of the MTFS which highlights a future deficit, what consideration has been given to the impact of increased investment in	Portfolio Holder Sarah Pennelli	Scrutiny Commission	

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		temporary accommodation provision on the budget? What consideration has been given to the impact of any ongoing maintenance costs?	Caroline Harbour, Ian Jones/John Crane		
TBC	Inbound calls to Blaby District Council	Commission wish to explore: • The number of calls dropped after transfer to departments • Customer satisfaction survey results • Statistics on the number of calls received, to which departments, number of complaints related to calls received	Sally Dorans Lisa Boland	Scrutiny Commission	
10 September	Review of the Member Champion roles	Following the addition of 2 new member Champion roles at Annual Council, bringing the total number to 5 champions, Scrutiny wish to explore: • Value added • Priorities of champions • The process for creating new champion positions	Leader of the Council Chief Executive	Scrutiny Commission	
TBC	Review of Asset Disposal process	To gain an understanding of the decision-making processes of how council assets are disposed or sold.	Executive Directors and Group Manager for Assets	Task & Finish	

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TBC	Review of the use of external agencies and consultants	To explore: • Cost • Outcomes and if the value of these are evaluated • Use of member expertise when consulting on specific projects	Directors	Scrutiny Commission	
TBC	Biodiversity	What plan or policy is in place to maintain and improve the biodiversity within the district? Are developers delivering on their requirements? What is Blaby District Council doing to promote biodiversity?	Nick Fear (Green Officer) Jonathan Hodge (Planning)	Scrutiny Commission	
TBC	HR – Phase 2	This work will examine: • Current days lost to sickness including a breakdown of how many lost to stress and mental health issues. • How are managers supported? • What support is provided to staff? • A timeline of when the next Workplace Health Needs Assessment or Staff Survey or similar is planned. • What consideration have been given to the possible impact on recruitment and retention of LGR?	TBC	Working Group	

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TBC	Communicating with residents	To explore the reintroduction of a paper communication to be sent to households, specifically with the goal of keeping residents informed on the progress of Local Government Reorganisation.	Marc Greenwood Julie Hutchinson	Scrutiny Commission	Response from Officers to be circulated at Commissioners meeting on 4 June.
TBC	Car Park Strategy	To evaluate whether the strategies set out in the Car Parks Strategy are fit for purpose.	Caroline Harbour	Task & Finish	

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Available Scrutiny Dates

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Date of meeting:	Report deadline		Date of Meeting	Report Deadline	
17 July	8 July, publish 9 July		11 June	2 June, publish 3 June	- Cabinet Exec response to Scrutiny Budget recommendations - Kerbside Collection Policy – Paul Coates
16 October	7 October, publish 8 October		10 September	1 September, publish 2 September	- Update on Food Waste Collection Scheme - State of the District Update by Leader - Review of Member Champion roles
29 October	20 October, publish 21 October		12 November	3 November, publish 4 November	- Introduction to Health and Leisure - Annual Complaints Report
13 November	4 November, publish 5 November		04 February	26 February, publish 27 February	•
25 November	14 November, publish 17 November		22 April	13 April, publish 14 April	•
9 December	28 November, publish 1 December		17 June	8 June, publish 9 June	•
			9 September	28 August, publish 1 September	•
			4 November	26 October, publish 27 October	