



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 14 April 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Policy & Performance Improvement Committee’s Work Programme for 2025/2026
Purpose of Report	For Members to consider the Committee’s Work Programme for June 2025 to April 2026.
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: a) consider the proposed topics for inclusion in the Work Programme, as listed in Paragraph 1.2 of the report; and b) put forward any additional topics they would wish to receive throughout the year.

1.0 **Background**

1.1 Prior to the meeting of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee held on 10 March 2025, Members were invited to attend a workshop in relation to setting the Committee’s Work Programme for the forthcoming year.

1.2 During this workshop the following topics were put forward for inclusion:

- 1) UK Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural Prosperity Fund
- 2) Gypsy, Romany, Travellers – Services & Needs
- 3) Continuation of Portfolio Holder Presentations
- 4) Castle Gatehouse Project
- 5) Active4Today
- 6) Arkwood Development Ltd.
- 7) New Crematorium
- 8) Invitations to External Organisations

2.0 **Proposal/Options Considered**

2.1 It is proposed that following Members’ consideration of the above items these will be included in the Work Programme attached as **Appendix 1** to this report. Members will see that there are already items listed within the Work Programme with dates of when they are scheduled to come to Committee for consideration.

2.2 Members are also asked to put forward any additional items they may wish to see included. Once all items are finalised, Officers will schedule them into the Work Programme for the forthcoming municipal year.

2.2 In relation to point 3) above, there will be a standing item on future Agendas asking Members to set the focus of the Portfolio Holder presentation for the following meeting. This could also include specific questions which Members may wish the Portfolio Holder to answer. It is also proposed to extend an invitation to the Cabinet Member without Portfolio.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

3.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

3.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

3.3 Human Resources Implications

There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None