

**Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme**

<b>Date/timing</b>	<b>Issue/Topic</b>	<b>Focus, approach and other comments</b>
30 September 2021	Ways of Working and facilities update	To incorporate flexibility of workforce, future Estates strategy and indicators on the way forward (particularly in relation to Property Strategy as no definitive blueprint available yet)
30 September 2021	Corporate Systems update	To incorporate ambitions for technology transformation and facilitating change elsewhere in the organisation, implementation timetable, training and compatibility and universality.
30 September 2021	Performance measures developed for the Organisation Strategy refresh.	Report to be drafted after the 23 September 2021 workshop and tabled at the full committee meeting on 30 September 2021
21 October 2021	Finance update	Response to pandemic and challenges on budget process including the assumptions being made for next years' budget. Medium term financial outlook (s151 report – financial viability is based on meeting certain targets); Pick up action points from Financial Performance Outturns/ Quarterly update in August meeting.
18 November 2021	Commercial property portfolio update	Resource needed post-Covid, locations, role for Essex Homes, jobs in Essex, role of local authority wholly owned subsidiaries.
TBC	Update on devolution/localism/reform agenda	Define and review functions and devolved powers and the extent of collaborative work. Cabinet Member availability prevents scheduling this for current November meeting date. Options being looked at.
27 January 2022	Future of Essex Archive Services (including use of digitalisation).	TBC
TBC	Budget update ahead of approval at Full Council on 10 February	TBC

**Work Programme continued...**

**Further issues under consideration  
(other themes and issues highlighted during induction discussions with Cabinet Members)**

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TBC	Climate Commission	Place and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee has taken lead so far but may be cross-cutting issues.
TBC	Essex Housing	ECC's strategies and plans, including environmental considerations.
TBC	Essex Outdoors	Increasing usage and making more commercial. Cross portfolio work. Could be led by another scrutiny committee.
TBC	Faith covenant	Role of ECC and wider Equalities agenda
TBC	Levelling up agenda: cross-cutting.	Involves partnership work including districts. Scrutiny Board may determine scrutiny approach and whether there needs to be any joint working across scrutiny committees.
TBC	Planning process review	How Essex system works. Place and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee may lead but may be cross-committee aspects.
TBC	Procurement	Percentage of procurement with Essex businesses, social value contracts, autonomy of service areas.