

APPENDIX**Corporate Policy and Scrutiny - Work Programme**

Provisional Date	Topic Title	Lead Contact	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Relevance to Scrutiny Theme *	Cross-Committee Work Identified (where applicable)
8 December 2021	Finance update	Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs/ Director Finance	Impact of pandemic and to understand the challenges on budget process including the assumptions being made for next years' budget. Seek assurance that meeting targets as part of medium- term financial strategy.		
Early 2022	Commercial property/ investment portfolio update	Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs/ Head of Finance Commercial Insight	Review approach and performance. Role for Essex Homes, jobs in Essex, and investment in Essex.		
Early 2022	Corporate systems update	Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs/ Programme Director	Review implementation and issues that have been identified and ambitions for technology transformation and facilitating change.		

Early 2022	Data analytics and artificial intelligence	Head of Profession: Analytics & Data Science	Understanding the collection and use of data analytics and artificial intelligence, including practical examples of where used to solve problems.		
Awaiting the publication of Government White Paper	Update on devolution/localism /reform agenda	Leader and the Cabinet Member Devolution, Art, Heritage and Culture	Review functions and devolved powers and the extent of local collaborative work.		
Early 2022	Essex Archive Services	Cabinet Member Devolution, Art, Heritage and Culture	Influence future approach on the delivery of services including use of digitalisation.		
24 February 2022 - TBC	Ways of Working and Facilities update	Cabinet Member Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs/ Executive Director, People and Transformation	How has Tranche 2 worked and what is the latest staff feedback.		Extend invite to Chairmen of other scrutiny committees
TBC	Organisation Strategy	Head of Performance and Business Intelligence	Challenge ongoing performance against objectives and aspirations.		To co-ordinate with other Scrutiny Chairmen

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**Further issues under consideration but not scoped or currently being scheduled
(themes and issues highlighted during induction discussions with Cabinet Members)**

Climate Commission - A further update on the implementation of Climate Commission recommendations to be presented in due course with further clarity on the targets actually being set. This may also be led by Place Services and economic Growth Scrutiny Committee. This may be incorporated into a future Organisational Strategy session.

Essex Housing - ECC's strategies and plans, including environmental considerations.

Essex Outdoors - Increasing usage and making it more commercial. Cross portfolio work. Could be led by another scrutiny committee.

Faith covenant - Role of ECC and the wider Equalities agenda

Levelling Up agenda – all member briefing held on 29 November 2021. Scrutiny committees may decide to scope follow-up lines of enquiry.

Planning process review - How Essex system works. Place and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee may lead but may be cross-committee aspects.

Procurement - Percentage of procurement with Essex businesses, social value contracts, autonomy of service areas