



# Report to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date 28 February 2024  
Key Decision No  
Public/Private Public

Portfolio Cross Cutting  
Directorate Cross Cutting  
Lead Officer Nik Hardy, Assistant Chief Executive

**Title** **Committee Update Report and Work Programme**

**Summary:** To provide Members of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with an overview of matters related to the committee’s work. The report also sets out a draft work programme for the committee.

**Recommendations:** It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:

1. Note items on the most recent Forward Plan of Key Decisions.
2. Note progress on resolutions from previous meetings
3. Agree the draft work programme for 2023/24.

## Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	Place OSC 28/02/2024
Council:	N/A

## **1. Background**

1.1. The Cumberland Constitution (Part 3, Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) sets out that Overview and Scrutiny committees will consider the following items at their meetings:

### **16 PROCEDURE AT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

16.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee shall consider the following business:

16.1.1 minutes of the last meeting;

16.1.2 declarations of interest (including whipping declarations);

16.1.3 consideration of any matter referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to call in of a decision;

16.1.4 responses of the Executive to reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;

16.1.5 Councillor's Call for Action; and

16.1.6 the business otherwise set out on the agenda for the meeting.

1.2. The minutes of the last meeting are considered as a separate agenda item and the Chair will seek declarations of interest at the start of each scrutiny meeting. This Scrutiny Update Report will provide detail on references to the Committee, responses of the Executive and any Councillors Call for Action.

## **2. References to Place Scrutiny Committee**

2.1. None

## **3. Councillors Call for Action**

3.1. None

## **4. Responses of Executive to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

4.1. None

## **5. Progress on Resolutions from Previous Meetings**

5.1. The following table sets out the meeting date and resolution that requires following up. The status is presented as either "closed", "pending" (date expected), or "outstanding". An item is considered outstanding if no update or progress has been made after three panel meetings. All the completed actions will be removed from the list following the meeting.

	Meeting date	Item	Resolution	Status
1	06/09/2023	PLOS.20/23 Housing Introduction – Overview of Responsibilities	2) That the Senior Manager Housing would liaise with Environmental Health to provide the Committee with further information on the timescales for dealing with complaints about damp and mould.  4) That the Assistant Director Public Health and Protection would provide the Committee with more detailed information on the breakdown of the complaints received as detailed in the presentation.	Pending  Pending
2	06/09/2023	PLOS.21/23 Empty Properties	3) That the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport provide the Committee with further information regarding empty commercial properties within town centres.	Pending
3	01/11/2023	PLOS.28/23 Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal	5) That the Committee conduct a Scrutiny Review on the topic of public transport.	Pending
4	03/01/2024	PLOS.37/23 Economic Development – Strategic Issues and Opportunities Overview	4) That the Policy and Scrutiny Officer arrange for some information on the reprofiling of HS2 funding within the Council area to be provided to the committee.	Pending

## 6. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

6.1. The most recent Forward Plan of Key Decisions is published on the Cumberland Council website, covering the period 1 March 2024 to 30 June 2024:

[Browse plans - Executive, 2023 | Cumberland Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/council/plans/2023/06/01/forward-plan-of-key-decisions)

6.2. The following decisions fall within the remit of Place Scrutiny Committee:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Details</b>
Procurement of recycling disposal and processing	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable, Resilient and Connected Places	Procurement of recycling disposal and processing
Draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Cumberland	Executive 13/02/2024 – 16/06/24	To agree to the commencement of a public consultation on a draft Public Space Protection Order for Cumberland.
iSH Enterprise Campus development, Leconfield Industrial Estate, Cleator Moor	Executive 23/04/2024	That Executive recommend that full Council draw down capital funding, award the building contract, agree the proposed scheme of officer delegation.
Citadels Project - Cumberland Council (English Street/Victoria Viaduct) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023	Executive 13/02/2013	Executive will be asked to give their approval to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order to facilitate the delivery of the Citadels project
Capital contract award to upgrade the Wave Centre, Maryport (Future High Streets Fund)	Portfolio Holder - Leader	Approve the award of a contract to carry out capital improvements to upgrade and refurbish the Future High Streets Fund project at the Wave Centre, Maryport
Capital Contracts awards to develop an outdoor events space at Maryport Harbour (Future High Streets Fund)	Director of Business, Transformation and Change	Approve the award of a contract to carry out capital works to develop an outdoor events space, located near to Maryport Harbour
Climate and Nature Strategy	Executive, June 2024	To adopt the Climate and Nature Strategy
Carlisle Southern Gateway – Award of Stage 2 of Design and Build Contract	Executive, 23/04/24	Award of stage 2 of design and build contract using the Capital Works Framework for the Carlisle Southern Gateway public realm project.

## **7. Work Planning**

- 7.1. A robust work programme is important for scrutiny. Work planning activity will take place across the year to ensure that the work programme remains up to date.
- 7.2. Work planning meetings have taken place between relevant Directors and the Place Committee Chair and Vice Chair. The draft work programme is provided at Appendix A. Scrutiny Members are asked to consider this work programme in the context of key decisions that are on the Forward Plan and any references to scrutiny and comment on this.

## **8. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 8.1. This report provides an overview of matters related to the committee's remit. The report also sets out the draft work programme. Members are asked to consider the

recommendations in order to ensure that scrutiny activity remains effective and focussed on Cumberland Council's strategic priorities.

**Implications:**

**Contribution to the Cumberland Plan Priorities** - Effective scrutiny plays an important part in the delivery of the Council Plan priorities.

**Relevant Risks** - None directly associated with this report.

**Consultation / Engagement** – n/a

**Legal** – Not required. Report for information only.

**Finance** – Not required. Report for information only.

**Information Governance** – Not required. Report for information only.

**Impact Assessments** – Not required. Report for information only.

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**Appendices attached to report:**

- Appendix A – Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme

**Background papers:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None