



SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2024-2025

May 2025

Below are the work programmes of Herefordshire Council’s five scrutiny committees.

Work programmes are subject to change, with revised programmes agreed at the end of formal committee meetings.

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Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

Committee Meeting

3 June 2025 **report deadline 22 May 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning 28 May 2025 (provisional)

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Cultural Strategy 2019-2029 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise the extent to which the objectives of the existing cultural strategy were achieved Examine the relationship between the cultural strategy and the draft local plan Review the draft cultural strategy and its relationship with the DBID and Visit Herefordshire Scrutinise delivery of proposed cultural developments, such as Hereford Shire Hall and Hereford Museum. Explore opportunities to integrate the county's heritage assets into cultural strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft cultural strategy Events and festivals market report Visit to cultural partnership board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture and Leisure Lead Hereford Voice Chief Executive, Courtyard Hereford Lead officer – Hereford Museum Chair, Hereford Cultural Partnership Ian Kerry – Arts Alive
Local Transport Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise findings of public consultation on Local Transport Plan proposals. Review draft plan before Council approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Local Transport Plan Plan consultation findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim Chief Operating Officer Head of Transport and Access Services Members of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Network Rail
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Committee Meeting**8 July 2025** report deadline **26 June 2025** pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Tourism and Destination Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the opportunity and value in developing a tourism strategy for Herefordshire Examine tourism strategies in similar local authorities Examine the role of cultural and heritage strategy in supporting development of tourism throughout the county. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed Meeting with Herefordshire Business Improvement District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture and Leisure Lead DBID Tourism and destination management service
Gully cleansing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise progress against the October 2024 Council motion to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all drains, gullies and culverts that fall under the responsibility of Herefordshire Council are accurately mapped. Undertake an urgent programme of rectifying and repairing drains, gullies and culverts where they have been damaged by the recent unprecedented period of rainfall. Develop a full countywide maintenance schedule that anticipates the likelihood of heavier rainfall in the future. Publish the maintenance schedule so that ward members, city, town and parish councils and local people can have confidence in the plans. Ensure that areas most at risk of flooding are prioritised for maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed Site visit – mapping software demonstration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Highways and Traffic Nominated parish lengthsman
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Committee Meeting**9 September 2025 report deadline 28 August 2025 pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Hereford City Masterplan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives to be agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Director, Growth
UK Shared Prosperity Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives to be agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees to be agreed
Broadband <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives to be agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence to be agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees to be agreed
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory Scrutiny Officer

*The Corporate Director, Economy and Environment, Cabinet Member, Economy and Growth, Cabinet Member, Community Services and Assets, Cabinet Member, Roads and Regulatory Services, and Cabinet Member, Transport and Infrastructure, all have a standing invitation to the meeting.