



SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025-2026

July 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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Committee Meeting

1 July 2025 **report deadline 19 June 2025** **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Quarter 4 Outturn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q4 Outturn Budget Report 2034-25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Finance Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Services
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

December 2025 **report deadline TBC** **pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Quarter 2 Outturn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of quarter 2 outturn. Scrutiny of management action to achieve planned budget outturn. Scrutiny of portfolio holder action to identify risks in delivery of agreed budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q2 Outturn Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Finance Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Services
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**January 2026 report deadline TBC pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Budget Scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Finance Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Services
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**March 2026 report deadline 26 November 2025 pre meeting lines of enquiry planning TBC**

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
Quarter 3 Outturn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q3 Outturn Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Finance Cabinet Member Finance and Corporate Services
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 Director of Finance and all Cabinet portfolio holders have a standing invitation to each committee meeting. Portfolio holder attendance is dependent on the topic being discussed.

Future items for consideration:

<p>Hoople</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does our relationship with Hoople deliver value for money for the council? • How does Hoople itself deliver value for money? • What are Hoople's areas of competence and expertise? • How does the council balance the friction caused by having a client/supplier relationship with the benefits of having a Tekkal supplier and a specialist? • How does the council capture Hoople's expertise in shaping relevant policies and plans? • What has been in the impact of Hoople on the communities of Herefordshire? • How does Hoople contribute to the priorities in the Council Plan and its annual delivery plan? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence to be agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Transformation and Strategy
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