

Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024/25

Remit of this Committee:

The Committee brings together scrutiny of both the physical and skills aspects of economic regeneration, and the supporting work of services such as leisure, highways, housing, environmental services etc, that provide the opportunities for work and the improvement of life experiences for our communities.

1. To be responsible for scrutiny of partnerships or key contractors (for example, Rochdale Development Agency, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, Your Trust etc); Regeneration; Local Development Framework; Neighbourhoods and Communities; Housing; Environment; Highways and Licensing, and for overview of the respective Portfolio Holders and Directors.
2. To respond to consultation by Cabinet on relevant policy development proposals.
3. To scrutinise the in-year performance of relevant Council Services, partnership bodies and other appropriate bodies, in accordance with the Council's Quarterly Performance Management Framework and against approved Service Plans, where appropriate.
4. To scrutinise the discharge by the Responsible Authorities within Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership of their crime and disorder functions as set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006.
5. To instigate the appropriate action in response to adverse service performance.
6. To scrutinise inspection reports and associated action plans produced by external agencies (where appropriate to this Committee)
7. To review and scrutinise executive decisions where appropriate to this Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution, which have been called-in by Members of the Council.
8. To receive reports, where appropriate, from the Council's representatives on outside bodies, and to direct representatives to report to the Council, where appropriate.
9. To commission, scope and oversee studies and reviews relating to relevant Council Services and issues directly affecting the Borough and, where appropriate, to make recommendations to the Cabinet arising from such studies and reviews

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10. To consider Directorate Plans in line with Council Policy.

These are the prioritisation criteria as outlined in the recently published Overview and Scrutiny Statutory Guidance for Councils, Combined Authorities and County Combined Authorities

- Do we understand the benefits scrutiny would bring to this issue?
- How could we best carry out work on this subject?
- What would be the best outcome of this work?
- How would this work engage with the activity of the executive and other decision-makers, including partners?

CRE Meetings in 2024/25

21 st May 2024		
Item	Purpose	Outcome
RBH Progress Recovery Plan Progress Update		
Neighbourhoods Directorate Performance Report Q4		
Economy Directorate Performance Report Q4		
Public Health and Communities Directorate Plan 2024/25		
Economy and Place Directorate Plan 2024/25		
Work Programming Session for 2024/25		

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30th July 2024		
Item	Purpose	Outcome
Town Hall Revised Business Plan		
Public Health and Communities Directorate Performance Report Q1		
Economy and Place Directorate Performance Report Q1		
Draft Work Programme 2024/25		

10th September 2024		
Item	Purpose	Outcome
Draft Greater Manchester Nature Network		

30th October 2024		
Item	Purpose	Outcome
Public Health and Communities Directorate Performance Report Q2		
Economy and Place Directorate Performance Report Q2		

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28 th January 2025		
Item	Purpose	Outcome
Public Health and Communities Directorate Performance Report Q3		
Economy and Place Directorate Performance Report Q3		

4 th March 2025		
Item	Purpose	Outcome

Topics to consider

1. That a paper be presented to outline plans for parking requirements in the town centre / Town Hall (From meeting in Jan 2024)
2. That the Committee be provided with the Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership action plan and performance framework (i.e.: how success look like) as soon as the documents are available and comparative data with other GM Councils (From meeting in Jan 2024) - report to be presented by the end of 2024
3. YourTrust – actions and benefits for each Township (From meeting in Mar 2024)
4. Environmental Management – performance compared to other Council in GM; to receive a report on the outcomes of the work of the flytipping working group by the end of 2024 (From meeting in March 2024)
5. Town Centre Vacancies and Regeneration Strategy (Item postponed from March 2024)
6. Following on from the work of the Housing Task and Finish Group, a meeting to take place between the Chair of HSCOS, the Chair of CRE, Director of Public Health, Director of Health and Integration, Head of Housing (People) to discuss how teams can

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work closely together on cross overs matters concerning mental health and housing. Recommendations from officers be presented late in 2024/25.

7. Atom Valley - a meeting to take place between the Chair of CRE and the Director of Economy and Place to discuss how CRE can support the developments of these plans.
8. March 2025 – agencies annual reporting – YourTrust (focus on communities), Environmental Management and Highways
9. Public Health and Communities Directorate Plan 2024/25 - Progress against Action 3 – Inequalities Framework - the co-producing of the Inequality Framework for Rochdale to support the suitability assessment tool, plus Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) - deliver year 3 changing futures programme to support multiple disadvantaged groups.
10. Public Health and Communities Directorate Plan 2024/25 - Progress against Action 6 - the Neighbourhoods plan – neighbourhood partnership and how to develop links with the five townships (Formalise the structures, by which the Developing Neighbourhood Partnership model, can support Townships, in delivering against the Council Plan Priorities);
11. Economy and Place Directorate Plan 2024/25 – Progress against Action 4 – Create Vibrant Town Centres
12. Economy and Place Directorate Plan 2024/25 – Progress against Action 6 - Take positive action in response to the Housing Emergency
13. Economy and Place Directorate Plan 2024/25 – Progress against Action 1 – Sub-action reducing digital inequalities
14. Housing standards (possible task and finish group) - tbc
15. Climate Emergency Scrutiny Group – meetings to take place on 25th Sep 2024 and on 19th Feb 2025