

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

	Topic	Comments	Meeting
	Council Policies	Key Council Policies will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny and assessment prior to submission to Council as and when required. The following policies have currently been scheduled -	
		Equality and Diversity	June 2025
		Safeguarding	June 2025
		Street Naming and Numbering	July 2025
	Strategies	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will provide feedback and recommendations to Council on the Council's Strategies as and when required and will monitor delivery as necessary. The following strategies have currently been scheduled -	
		Digital and Customer Strategy (for feedback and recommendations)	June 2025
		ICT Strategy (for feedback and recommendations)	June 2025
		Community Cohesion (monitor)	TBA
		Community Engagement (monitor)	TBA
	Empty Homes	<p>This review was carried forward from 2024/25 pending the appointment of a new Empty Homes Officer.</p> <p>The topic was chosen for review as a large number of derelict/neglected/uninhabited properties had been identified, which were a blight on the area.</p> <p>The original remit was to look at different options/mechanisms for bringing empty properties back into use.</p>	Sep 2025 onwards

		<p>It has since been established that some of the properties identified are occupied, therefore the remit is to be widened to include blighted houses.</p> <p>The Empty Homes Officer is now in post and will attend a meeting of the Committee.</p>	
	Littering/Fly-Tipping	<p>This topic has been carried forward from 2024/25.</p> <p>To monitor progress on the following resolution from the March 2025 Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting –</p> <p>That –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Assistant Director, Operational Services be asked to review the way in which key messages around littering/fly-tipping have previously been delivered and assess what has worked well/not worked well; (2) other Councils be approached for information on similar campaigns and their success rate; (3) a competition be developed in which local schools be invited to assist in promoting key messages by way of posters and TikTok videos, whilst ensuring compliance with any age restrictions. 	TBA
	Constitutional Review	<p>The Council's Constitution is currently under review.</p> <p>To be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny and assessment prior to submission to Council.</p>	Sep 2025
	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide feedback on the LGR bid submission prior to consideration by Council.</p> <p>The deadline for submissions is late November, so additional meeting may need to be called.</p>	Oct 2025
	Pendle Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee. The final meeting in the calendar will be dedicated to reviewing the work of the Pendle Community Safety Partnership.</p>	March 2026