

Appendix 1 – Suggested Scrutiny Topics for 2026/2027

Ref	Suggested Scrutiny Investigation Topic	Source	Council Plan 2026-2029, Ambition and Aim
1	<p>The implementation of the Council's Digital Strategy Digital Strategy 2026–2030, sets out the Council's strategic framework for digital, data and technology and established a clear, corporate approach to maintaining secure, resilient and well-governed digital services.</p> <p>IT is a cornerstone of Council business and is rooted in every Council function. Many of the Council's continuous improvement projects are dependent on having effective technical solutions in place.</p> <p>Ensuring that the Council has a digital strategy that can support the continuous improvement agenda is essential.</p>	Officer	<p>Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i></p>
2	<p>Changes to Corporate Support Functions</p> <p>To ensure the Council can adequately deliver its corporate governance commitments, the Council is reviewing how it supports this function, especially around strategic planning and performance management.</p>	Officer	<p>Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i></p>
3	<p>Marketing and Communications</p> <p>The Council's communications and marketing processes are under review. How effectively does the Council communicate its successes.</p>	Officer	<p>Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i></p>

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4	Organisational values To what extent are the Council's Values embedded and is there scope to enhance the way they are presented and how they are used.	Officer	Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i>
	Suggested Scrutiny Update	Source	Council Plan 2026-2029, Ambition and Aim
5	Community Empowerment Bill	Officer	Safe and resilient communities <i>Creating a safer environment where residents can live more independent lives.</i>
6	National Police Reform/ Abolition of Police and Crime Commissioners	Officer	Safe and resilient communities <i>Creating a safer environment where residents can live more independent lives.</i>