

Appendix 1 – Suggested Scrutiny Topics for 2026/2027

Ref	Suggested Scrutiny Investigation Topic	Source	Council Plan 2026-2029, Ambition and Aim
1	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. 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. Ensuring that the Council has a digital strategy that can support the continuous improvement agenda is essential.	Officer	Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i>
2	Changes to Corporate Support Functions 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.	Officer	Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i>
3	Marketing and Communications The Council's communications and marketing processes are under review. How effectively does the Council communicate its successes.	Officer	Delivering best value <i>Changing how we operate, to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.</i>

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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>