# **Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2025/26:**

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| **TOPIC** | **PURPOSE** | **LEAD OFFICER** | **CABINET MEMBER** |
| **12 MAY 2025** | | | |
| **Reserve for ‘Year in Review’ Session** | | | |
| **16 JUNE 2025 (Joint)** | | | |
| **CIFCO Performance Report (2024/25) and Business Plan (2025/26)** | To conduct an annual scrutiny review into the CIFCO service and its delivery before reporting to Full Council. | Director – Property, Development, and Regeneration | Finance, Assets, and Investments (JW) |
| **19 JUNE 2025** | | | |
| **Information Bulletin: Financial Costings of the Carbon Reduction Management Plan** | To receive information on the finances underpinning the Carbon Reduction Management Plan (CRMP), as agreed by the Committee in November 2024. | Chief Operating Officer  Head of Climate and Nature Recovery | Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Nature Recovery (HD) |
| **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report (2024/25)** | To approve sending the draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report to Full Council. | Lead Officer – Overview and Scrutiny | - |
| **14 JULY 2025 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership** | To conduct an annual statutory scrutiny review into the work undertaken and upcoming action plan for the WSCSP. | Director – Place  Head of Communities | Babergh Rep on the WSCSP (DP) |
| **Bi-annual Council Housing Assurance Report: A Brief Introduction** | To receive an introduction report on the new commitment for Overview and Scrutiny to review Council Housing delivery. | Director – Housing  Head of Housing Transformation | Housing (JC) |
| **11 AUGUST 2025 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Planning Pre-Application Advice: A Revisit** | To review the pre-application advice service, following on from recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny in February 2023. | Director – Place  Chief Planning Officer | Heritage, Planning, and Infrastructure (SD) |

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| **15 SEPTEMBER 2025** | | | |
| **New Car Parking Charges: A 6-Month Update** | To receive an update on the impact of the implementation of new car parking tariffs within Babergh. | Director – Operations  Head of Parking | People and Place (DS) |
| **18 SEPTEMBER 2025 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Bi-annual Council Housing Assurance Report** | To assess the Council’s performance towards delivering a high-quality council housing service. | Director – Housing  Head of Housing Transformation | Housing (JC) |
| **Assurance of Council’s Accessibility Work** | To receive an overview of the work currently undertaken to improve accessibility of the Council’s services. | Director – Corporate Services  Head of Customer Experience | Performance and Resilience (AM) |
| **13 OCTOBER 2025 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Annual Review of the Joint Homes and Housing Strategy** | To conduct an annual review into the progress delivered under the Joint Homes and Housing Strategy | Director – Housing | Housing (JC) |
| **Bi-annual Tenant Scrutiny Board Update** | To receive a bi-annual update on the work of the Tenant Scrutiny Board and any upcoming projects. | Head of Housing Transformation  Chair of the Tenant Board | Housing (JC) |
| **17 NOVEMBER 2025** | | | |
| **Grants and Locality Funding Review** | To review the progress made towards the Grants Funding Action Plan, as agreed by Cabinet in July 2024. | Director – Place  Head of Communities | Thriving Communities (LS) |
| **Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Reduction Management Plan Annual Update** | To review progress made on the Council’s target towards net-zero emissions and the work undertaken. | Chief Operating Officer  Head of Climate and Nature Recovery | Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Nature Recovery (HD) |
| **15 DECEMBER 2025** | | | |
| **Draft General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (2025/6)** | To conduct annual scrutiny on the draft General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2025/26. | Director – Finance and Procurement | Finance, Assets, and Investments (JW) |

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| **12 JANUARY 2026 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Local Government Ombudsman and Housing Ombudsman Annual Complaints Update** | To receive the annual report on the number of complaints escalated to the Ombudsman concerning the delivery of Council services. | Director – Corporate Services  Head of Customer Experience | Performance and Resilience (AM) |
| **16 FEBRUARY 2026** | | | |
| **A Review into the Implementation of New Car Parking Charges** | To conduct a review into the new car parking charges implemented across Babergh in January 2025. | Director – Operations | People and Place (DS) |
| **16 MARCH 2026 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Review into the delivery of the Legal Service** | To review the delivery of legal and professional advice and support to both Councils through the Legal Service | Head of Legal | Leader of the Council (JW) |
| **Bi-annual Council Housing Assurance Report** | To assess the Council’s performance towards delivering a high-quality housing service. | Director – Housing  Head of Housing Transformation | Housing (JC) |
| **13 APRIL 2026 (Joint)** | | | |
| **Bi-annual Tenant Scrutiny Board Update** | To receive a bi-annual update on the work of the Tenant Scrutiny Board and any upcoming projects. | Head of Housing Transformation  Chair of the Tenant Board | Housing (JC) |