

Scrutiny Climate and Place Forward Plan 2024-2025

Meeting	Lead officer	Service Director	Item	Description
25 th July 2024	Tom Rutland	All	Equality Due regard	To inform on responsibilities on equality and due regard.
25 th July 2024	Mike Cowdell	Kirsty Larkins	Waste services update: Expansion of the collection of flexible plastics	Report will detail the trial areas, communication measures and outcomes – information item.
25 th July 2024	Amanda Williams	Paul Hickson	Connecting Devon & Somerset update (deferred from previous meeting)	Information only item.
25 th July 2024	Steve Dury/James Divall	Kirsty Larkins	Local Nature Recovery Strategy update (deferred from previous meeting)	Information only item.
25 th July 2024	Dr James Gilgrist/Samantha Seddon	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy update (deferred from previous meeting)	Information only item.

25 th July 2024	Natasha Bates	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Bus Service Improvement Plan (deferred from previous meeting)	Somerset's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) review in-line with government requirements.
25 th July 2024	Mickey Green	All	Budget monitoring	Update on the budget position for Climate and Place directorate.
23 rd September 2024	James Divall	Kirsty Larkins	Climate Vision document	Update on the development of the Somerset Council Climate Vision document
23 rd September 2024	Sunita Mills/Matthew Prince	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Local Transport Plan	To consider progress on the LTP and emerging policy proposals to advise planning and transport sub-committee
23 rd September 2024	Sunita Mills	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Active Travel Delivery	Review of progress in delivering Active Travel improvements
23 rd September 2024	James Divall	Kirsty Larkins	Biodiversity Net Gain	Trading and income-generating. Update
23 rd September 2024	Lisa Portman	All	Performance monitoring	Quarterly performance monitoring update.
23 rd September 2024	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Examination of the evidence and emerging priorities and seek direction on vision and priorities
23 rd September 2024	Andrew Turner	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Maintenance Transformation Plan 23/24 & 24/25	New requirement from DfT to set out how uplift in maintenance funds for 23/24 and 24/25 financial years will be used

11th November 2024	Sunita Mills	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Fleet purchase and utilisation review	Consider progress in reviewing and implementing controls for fleet purchase and utilisation and delivering agreed MTFP savings
11th November 2024	Sunita Mills	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Supported Bus Services Review and Bus Connectivity Assessment	Consider process for reviewing and consulting on how we meet our duties to meet a social need for transport in light of the financial emergency. Opportunity to discuss new DfT requirement for a 'bus connectivity assessment'
11th November 2024	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Review and consider emerging strategy, including vision and priorities (to include update on key consultation findings)
23rd December 2024	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Consideration of consultation findings and draft Economic Strategy
17th February 2025				
28th April 2025				

3.4 Issues to be Brought to Future Scrutiny Committees

Named Officer	Service Director	Subject	Issue	Comment
Bev Norman	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Road Safety	Increase in the number of killed or seriously injured (KSI) road users	A new Somerset Council Road Safety Strategy, aligned to the new Local Transport Plan being developed, will be brought to a future Scrutiny Committee
Alison Blom-Cooper	Paul Hickson	Planning	Development of Local Plan	The Local Plan has statutory consultation periods and these are the stages Scrutiny Committee will be invited to feed into the LP consultation. Member briefing sessions will be undertaken at various stages.
Sunita Mills	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Highways Maintenance	New requirement from DfT to set out how uplift in maintenance funds (over next 11 years) will be used to transform road condition	Awaiting DfT Deadline
Andrew Turner	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Highways Contracts	Update on effectiveness of new highways contracts following mobilisation stage and first two quarters of delivery	
Bev Norman	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Parking Services	Update on delivery of the parking service following integration into unitary operation and more	Circa September 2024

			integrated approach with transport planning	