

Scrutiny Climate and Place Forward Plan 2024-2025

Meeting	Lead officer	Service Director	Item	Description
23rd September 2024	James Divall	Kirsty Larkins	Climate Vision document	Update on the development of the Somerset Council Climate Vision document
	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Review and consider emerging strategy, including vision (to include update on key consultation findings)
	Lisa Portman	All	Climate and Place Performance monitoring	Q1 performance monitoring update.
11th November 2024				
	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Consideration of consultation findings and draft Economic Strategy
	Alison Blom-Cooper	Paul Hickson	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.
	Steve Dury	Kirsty Larkins	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To consider the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy
	David Mitchell	Kirsty Larkins	Somerset Rivers Authority	NEW
23rd December 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 – WAITING GOV GUIDANCE
	James Divall	Kirsty Larkins	Biodiversity Net Gain	Trading and income-generating. Update
	Dr James Gilgrist	Paul Hickson	Somerset Economic Strategy	Review and consider emerging strategy, including vision and priorities (to include update on key consultation findings)
17th February 2025	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
	Sunita Mills	Mike O'Dowd-Jones	Active Travel Delivery	Review of progress in delivering Active Travel improvements
	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'
28th April 2025			Road Safety Parking Services	

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
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 integrated approach with transport planning	Circa September 2024

