

Overview Committee Forward Plan 2019/20

Work allocated to the Forward Plan:

Meeting date	Topic
5 September 2019	Joint meeting with Scrutiny Committee on service plans. All day meeting; start time 10am
Additional meeting if required tbc	
14 November 2019	Economic Development update report Review draft drone policy
15 January 2020	Joint meeting with Scrutiny Committee on service plans and draft budget for 2020/2021. All day meeting; start time tbc
30 January 2020	
27 February 2020	Governance Arrangements
26 March 2020	

* Dependent on publication dates of the respective Select Committee.

Work for scoping and/or allocation to the Forward Plan:

Proposed date	Topic
tbc	Public toilet review – consultation plan
	Select Committee report on Coastal Town Regeneration* Select Committee report on Rural Economy*
tbc	Income generation – continuing the work of the Committee from the previous civic term in order to help the budget position, look to find more income generation opportunities. A suggestion was made to add to that investigating the Council financing, through loan, broadband delivery in areas still not benefiting from the Connect Devon and Somerset project.
tbc	High street and village centre regeneration – expand to include the development of new high street in reference to Cranbrook, and centre initially on the towns before later work on villages
tbc	Natural Capital in the Heart of the South West document

Work identified by the Committee for prioritisation, scope and allocation:

1. Business case for increase in community engagement officers – this fell under the remit of the Housing Review Board, where the issue had already be raised, but could also be monitored by the Overview Committee as part of its review of the service plans;
2. Review out of hours telephone system provided by the council for residents and tenants – the Portfolio Holder for Environment had raised this issue with the Chairman, as he had experienced a poor response to a call but also felt that the system had not been reviewed for some time and therefore should be considered by the Overview Committee;
3. Climate change – including rising sea levels, coastal erosion, single use plastics, to determine what can be done locally as well as lobby Government and feed into the Devon group;
4. Fairer funding from Government for the south west region
5. Community focus
6. Promotion of EDDC services to local residents
7. Improving working with Town and Parish Councils
8. Tackling poverty
9. Reviewing internal recharges – understanding the breakdown of recharges, and being satisfied that these are correctly applied to be confident that the Council is as efficient as possible before examination of making further budget reductions;
10. Street trading
11. Right to buy effect on housing stock
12. Delivery of housing, specifically assisted living
13. Transport – specifically fares for 16 – 18 year olds still in education but not qualifying for state help. A suggestion was made to widen this to look at the timetable too, as many recent changes has resulted in longer and more complex journeys for residents, particularly to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital;
14. Policy implementation – that policies put in place were being applied in practice. Whilst no specific examples of where a policy was not being applied were given, the suggestion that equalities would be a good starting point;
15. GESP involvement