

**LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

**WARDS:** All

**REPORT TITLE:** Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2025/26 and Action Tracker

**REPORT OF:** Executive Director Investment Place and Opportunity

**FOR SUBMISSION TO:**  
Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee

**DATE:**  
23 February 2026

**SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2025/26 and tracks actions from previous meetings.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION:**

No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee is asked to:  
(i) note and identify any issues or areas for consideration within the proposed work programme for 2025/26 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.

**SIGNED:**



Oliver Jones, Director of Recreation and Public Safety

**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This report provides an outline of the proposed 2025/26 work programme for the Committee at Appendix A. It also presents an update on progress in following up on actions from previous meetings.

## **2. Terms of reference**

- 2.1 The Committee has the following terms of reference:
- 2.2 To scrutinise the Council's cultural and environmental policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to culture, environment, regeneration, community safety, parking strategy and operations, and the voluntary sector provided by the Investment, Place and Opportunity and Corporate Services Directorates and other service providers.
- 2.3 To be the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee.

## **3. General information about planning the work programme**

- 3.1 The work programme should be informed by the corporate priorities of the Council, the priorities of the relevant portfolio holders, and issues raised by Camden's communities.
- 3.2 The following prioritisation criteria has been considered as a good practice approach to supporting the ruthless prioritisation of individual scrutiny committee agenda items:
- Will improve outcomes for residents and local communities and/or value for money;
  - Is of significant relevance to residents and local communities;
  - Will contribute to the understanding and/or delivery of agreed strategic priorities;
  - Will help develop a shared understanding of a problem, its challenges, opportunities and possible solutions;
  - Will promote wider engagement with local residents, communities and the local voluntary and community sector (VCS);
  - Will increase collaborative working, sharing of information, networking and engaging across stakeholders.
- 3.3 The Committee covers a wide range of services as seen in the terms of reference. The structure chart at Appendix C identifies the key senior officers who hold these services within their divisions.
- 3.4 A provisional work programme is available at Appendix A. Further changes can be made as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee is asked to review the contents of the work programme and provide their views on what the Committee may wish to discuss during the 2025/26 municipal year. There may also be matters that emerge during the year that warrant amendments to the programme.

- 3.5 The Committee is also invited to consider what, if any, forthcoming key Cabinet decisions it wishes to look at in advance of those decisions being taken. Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit are set out at Appendix B.
- 3.6 An action tracker, which updates on progress in following up the Committee's actions, is at Appendix D.

#### **4 Scrutiny Panels**

- 4.1 The Committee can form scrutiny panels to look at more specific areas under its remit. These are task-and-finish panels and should be established with clear terms of reference and target date to report back to the main Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is constitutionally limited to one panel at a time, and co-ordination of Panels should be agreed with the other Scrutiny Committees to ensure effective use and co-ordination of resources across all scrutiny committees.

#### **5 Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor**

- 5.1 There are no legal comments arising from this report.

#### **6 Finance Comments of the Director of Finance**

- 6.1 There are no finance comments arising from this report.

#### **7. Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**REPORT ENDS**

## Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2025/26

### Work Programme 2025/2026

Meeting date and theme	Item
<b>Upcoming meetings</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for New Homes and Community Investment</li><li>• Thames Water Update</li><li>• Library Strategy</li><li>• Street Trading and Markets Strategy 2026-2031</li></ul>
Tuesday 10th March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report of the Cabinet Adviser on Food Waste Recycling. (Cllr Joseph Ball)</li><li>• CCTV – Strategy including Estates coverage and recent upgrades Plan report -</li><li>• Biodiversity Update</li></ul>
2026/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TBC</li></ul>

Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 January 2026 – 30 April 2026)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Decision-making body</b>	<b>Indicative decision date</b>
Consultation on Camden Council Violence Against Women and Girls Draft Strategy	To consider agreeing the draft Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy for public consultation in January 2026.	Cabinet	10 February 2026
Regent's Park Area (South) Safe & Healthy Streets (Regent's Park)	To consider safe and healthy streets proposals in the Regent's Park Area (South). These will include walking and accessibility, cycling and public realm changes.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	16 February 2026
Fitzjohn's Avenue Area Safe and Healthy Streets (Belsize; Frognal; Hampstead Town)	To consider implementing permanent Healthy Streets changes on Fitzjohn's Avenue and introducing a trial Healthy School Street in the vicinity of University College School on College Crescent. The scheme aims to improve safety and amenity and air quality around the school.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	18 February 2026
Decision on CA-F Controlled Parking Zone Experimental Traffic Order (Camden Town; Haverstock; Kentish Town South; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers Town)	To consider making the current experimental hours of control of the CA-F Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permanent, following the public consultation.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	20 February 2026

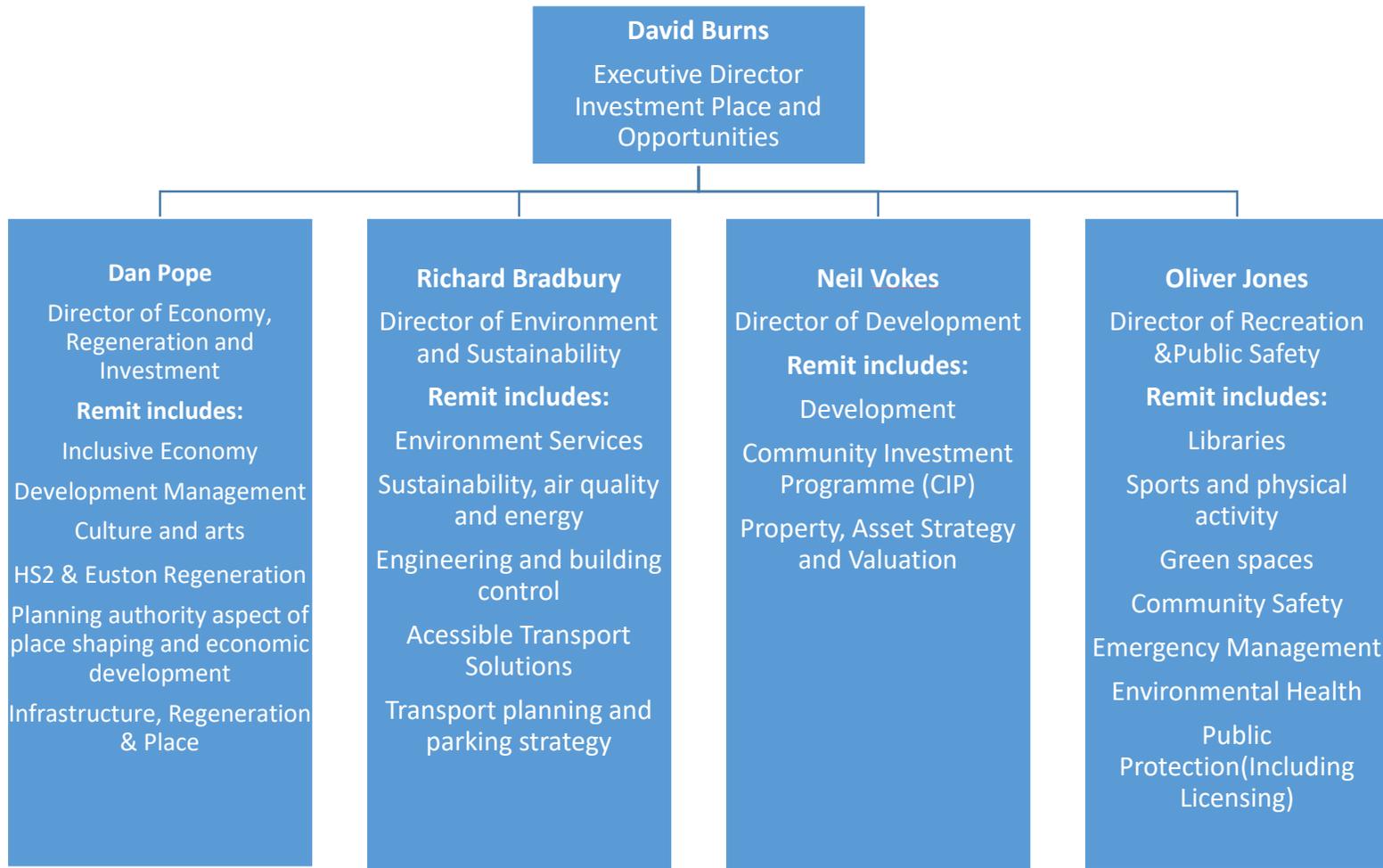
Argyle Square Safe and Healthy Streets (King's Cross)	To consider public realm proposals around Belgrove House, on Belgrove Street, Crestfield Street, St Chad's Street, Argyle Square Gardens and Argyle Street. These will include walking and accessibility, cycling, junction, and public realm changes.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	25 February 2026
Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan Adoption (Kilburn)	To confirm the adoption of the Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan as part of the council's development plan, subject to the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum result.	Cabinet	25 February 2026
The Leader of the Council's Annual Report 2025- 2026 (All Wards)	To consider the annual report of the Leader of the Council, providing updates on the work of the Council over the course of the municipal year.	Cabinet	25 February 2026
Camden Women's Forum 2025 Inquiry on Women into Work (All Wards)	To consider approval of the recommendations of the Camden Women's Forum Inquiry on pathways into work.	Cabinet	25 February 2026
2026/27 Revenue Estimates and Council Tax Setting (All Wards)	To consider the Council's revenue estimates and Council Tax for 2026/27 and to consider updates on the 2026/27-2028/29 Local Government Finance Settlement and the Council's medium-term financial position.	Cabinet	25 February 2026

Islington and Camden Joint Cemetery Service Agreement (All Wards)	To consider a new joint Cemetery Services agreement with Islington Council.	Cabinet	25 February 2026
Street Trading and Markets Strategy 2026-2031 (All Wards)	To consider the approval of the Street Trading and Markets Strategy, which sets out a plan to revitalise Camden's markets and street trading into thriving hubs for local communities, culture, and enterprise.	Cabinet	25 February 2026
*Award of Borough of Sanctuary Grants (All Wards)	To consider the award of continuation grants to Borough of Sanctuary (BoS) lead partners as part of the Borough of Sanctuary Grants Programme.	Leader of the Council	2 March 2026
Contract Variation for Camden Rough Sleeping Hub (All Wards)	To consider the approval of a waiver to extend the contract providing the Camden Rough Sleeping Hub by one year.	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities	5 March 2026
Implementing a Permanent York Way/ Agar Grove/ Brewery Road Healthy Junction (Camden Square)	To consider implementing permanent Healthy Junction changes at the York Way / Agar Grove / Brewery Road junction and on the immediate approaches. The scheme has been developed to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians and cyclists, and to reduce motor vehicle dominance and emissions.	Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	1 June 2026

<p>Approval of the Draft Camden Town Vision for Consultation (Camden Town; Haverstock; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers To</p>	<p>To consider approval of commencing consultation on the draft Camden Town Vision, which aims to be a framework that will guide investment to build on Camden Town's strengths, which makes it a vibrant, safe, welcoming and sustainable place.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</p>	<p>9 June 2026</p>
<p>CA-F Controlled Parking Zone experimental Traffic Order Decision (Camden Town; Haverstock; Kentish Town South; Regent's Park; St Pancras and Somers Town)</p>	<p>To consider and , following the public consultation, making permanent the current experimental hours of control of the CA-F Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</p>	<p>20 February 2026</p>

**Appendix C: Investment Place and Opportunities structure related to Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee\***

\* NB: This is not the full top level Supporting Communities structure chart



ACTION	OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE	COMPLETED
<b>10 November 2025</b>			
<p><u>Hampstead Cemetery Opening hours deputation</u></p> <p>To share the details of the pilot relating to the trial period of extending Hampstead Cemetery opening in 2026 including the cost of the pilot with the Committee.</p> <p><u>Bike Hanger Placement, Dartmouth Park Avenue</u></p> <p>Officers to meet with the depute to explore minor relocation options.</p>	<p><b>Director of Recreation and Public Safety.</b></p> <p><b>Lead Principal Transport Planner</b></p>		
<p><u>A New MET For London Phase 2</u></p> <p>To provide the Committee with</p>	<p><b>Police Borough Commander</b></p>		

<p>Police misconduct and dismissal figures for Camden and Islington and to share local Prevent referral data with the committee.</p>			
<p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities</u></p> <p>To review and provide accurate rough sleeping figures and share the CCTV location list with the Committee.</p>	<p><b>Head of Community Safety and Enforcement</b></p>		
<p><b>ACTION</b></p>	<p><b>OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE</b></p>	<p><b>COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE</b></p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>

8 December 2025

Climate Action  
Plan 2026-2030

To circulate to members details of where and when the next Citizens Assembly would take place.

**Head of Climate, Air  
Quality and Energy**

Annual Report of  
the Cabinet  
Member for  
Planning and a  
Sustainable  
Camden

In relation to recycling performance data to provide clearer residual waste and recycling rate figures.

**Director of Environment  
and Sustainability**

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the Cabinet  
Member for  
Planning and a  
Sustainable  
Camden

To provide a local community skip in

West Hampstead / Fortune Green, to factor into future planning.	<b>Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable</b>		

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