

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

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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:
10 March 2026

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This paper provides an update on the work programme for the Committee for the year 2025/26, proposed areas for consideration in 2026/27 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 2026/27 and to note the actions taken arising from previous meetings.

SIGNED:



Oliver Jones, Director of Recreation and Public Safety

DATE: 26th 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 2026/27 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.

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Appendix A: Culture and Environment Work Programme 2026/27

Proposed Work Programme 2026/2027

| Meeting date and theme | Item |
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| Upcoming meetings | |
| Tuesday 2nd July 2026 | • |
| Thursday 3rd September 2026 | • |
| Thursday 5th November 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Action Plan • Private Waste Collectors |
| Thursday 3rd December 2026 | • Camden Transport Strategy Annual Update 2026 |
| Monday 11th January 2027 | • Dockless Bike Hire Progress Update |
| Thursday 18th February 2027 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Plan 2026-2030 – Annual Review • Thames Water Update |
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| 2027/28 | • TBC |

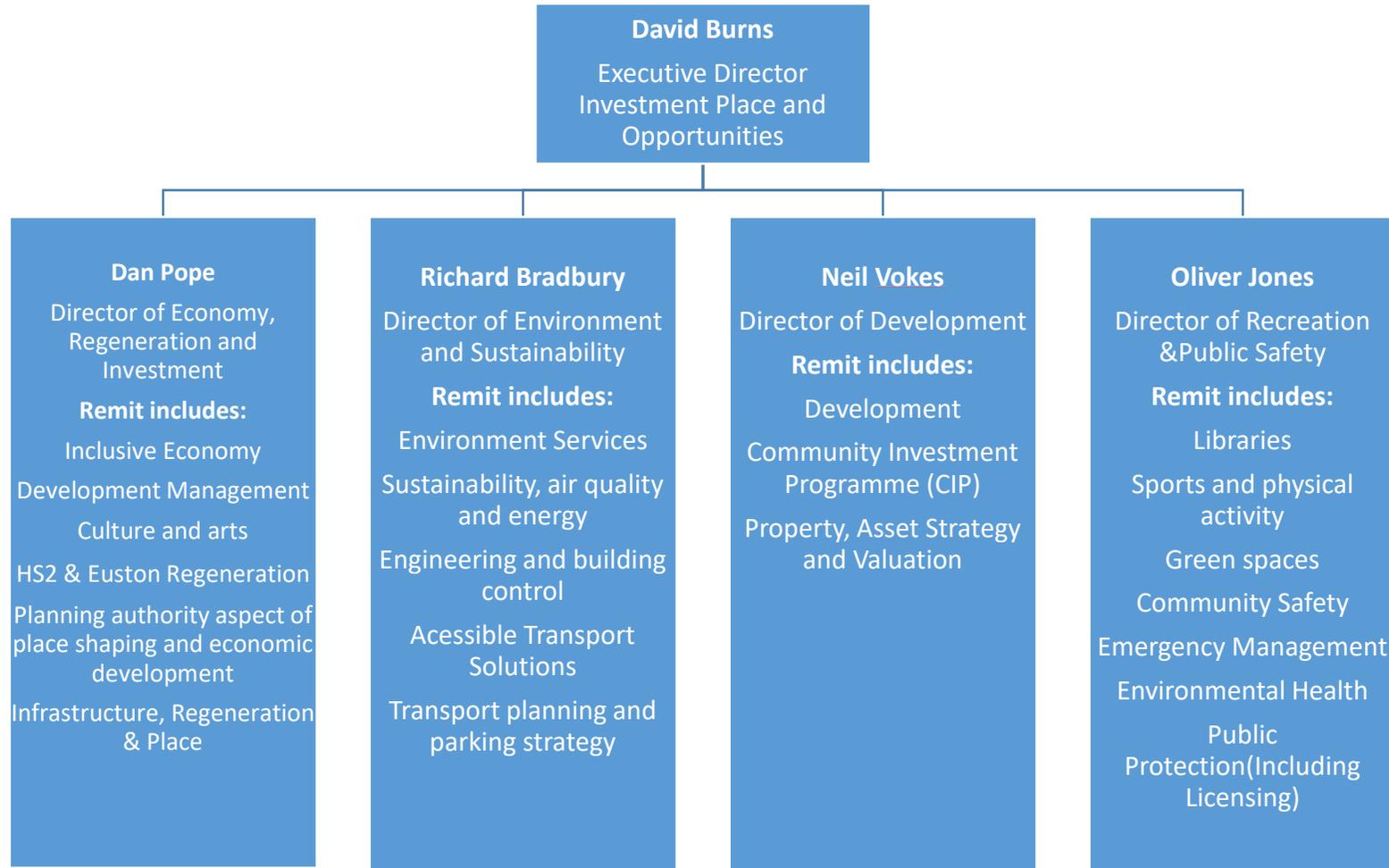
Appendix B: Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit (1 March 2026 – 30 June 2026)

| Item | Summary | Decision-making body | Indicative decision date |
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| *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 |
| *Contract Variation for the Camden Respite Rooms (Belsize) | To consider approval of a waiver to extend the contract providing the Camden Respite Rooms across 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 |

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| <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> |
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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



Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee Action Tracker 2025/26

| ACTION | OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE | COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE | COMPLETED |
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| <p>10 November 2025</p> | | | |
| <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>Director of Recreation and Public Safety.</p> <p>Lead Principal Transport Planner</p> | | |

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| <p><u>A New MET For London Phase 2</u></p> <p>To provide the Committee with Police misconduct and dismissal figures for Camden and Islington and to share local Prevent referral data with the committee.</p> | <p>Police Borough Commander</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>Head of Community Safety and Enforcement</p> | | |
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| ACTION | OFFICER /ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE | COMMENTS SUPPLIED BY SERVICE | COMPLETED |
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| 8 December 2025 | | | |
| <p><u>Climate Action Plan 2026-2030</u></p> <p>To circulate to members details of where and when the next Citizens Assembly would take place.</p> | <p>Head of Climate, Air Quality and Energy</p> | | |
| <p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden</u></p> <p>In relation to recycling performance data to provide clearer residual waste and recycling rate figures.</p> | <p>Director of Environment and Sustainability</p> | | |
| <p><u>Annual Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and a</u></p> | | | |

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| <u>Sustainable Camden</u> To provide a local community skip in West Hampstead / Fortune Green, to factor into future planning. | Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable | | |
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