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Suggestions from Officers	Summary description	Indicative date
Housing Allocations Policy	Refresh of the Housing Allocations Policy taking into account current legislation and best practice.	June/July 2024
De-pooling project	This project looks at ‘de-pooling’ tenants service charges for transparency and fairness to ensure that tenants are paying the correct amount for the services that they receive.	Autumn / winter 24/25
Waste and recycling reforms	The Environment Act 2021 introduced new duties for local authorities with regards to the collection of recycling materials as well as other national proposals (e.g. extended producer responsibility). This was followed by more detail proposals in 2023 that are to be introduced through secondary legislation. The report gives a summary of the proposals and the actions being taken to enact these.	November 2024
On-street car parking	KCC are currently reviewing the agreements with District Council’s regarding the operation of on-street parking and considering the option of taking the service back in house to be operated at county level.	May 2024
Actions to protect the council operations against a Cyber attack	Although a lot of work has been carried out to prevent a cyber-attack, they are becoming more sophisticated, and we need to ensure we have the correct support and measures in place. The following 3 areas will be priority for consideration over the next 12 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate – user awareness. Carry out more sophisticated phishing test and ensure staff are aware of consequences. • Monitor - Invest in a Service Operations Centre service. Use an external party that has specialists monitoring activity 24 x 7 x 365 (Currently have a grant funded service until September 2024) • Response - Invest in a Managed Incident Response service. Will give FHDC access to expertise to assist the onsite team from the early stages of an incident and containment. 	February 2025
Implication of Building Safety Act and Introduction of a Building Safety Levy	This report will provide an overview of the Building Safety Act, the Council’s overall response and details on the way in which the new Building Safety Levy will be managed.	May/June 2024

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Oportunitas – review of the company’s financial structure and performance	A presentation for members looking at the financial structure of the company, past performance including returns to the council and future predicted performance.	May/June 2024
Flooding, poor water quality, Internal Drainage Board	<p>Flooding matters, and the collective responsibilities of various agencies and Southern Water to address and respond to incidents of flooding.</p> <p>Bathing water classification for the beaches in the district following confirmation of the annual classification results.</p> <p>Internal Drainage Board - the function of the Internal Drainage Board and how they manage internal watercourses within the F&H District, including how the IDB levy placed on the council to fund the IDB through council tax is spent.</p>	December 24/January 25
Housing Assistance Policy (Private Sector Housing)	Update of the Council Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy, which sets out the Council’s policies and initiatives for improving conditions across the private housing sector in the district.	December 24/January 2025
UKSPF & REPF	This item will include an Overview of the current project and achievements to date regarding this programme.	July 2024
Ship Street	This report will update members on the work on the project to date, the planning submission and the draft disposal strategy for the site.	May 2024
LUF update	<p>Rod Lean to confirm wording: presentation may work better for this as we can show plans etc.</p> <p>This will inform members of the work to date on the LUF programme, provide an update on the public engagement events and show the evolving plans.</p>	June 2024
FOLCA update	This report will provide members with an update on both Folca 1 and 2. This will include an update on the business case which will consider the viability of the project.	June 2024
Otterpool Park Update on Transition Plan and Delivery	This report will provide an update on Otterpool Park in relation to the delivery of Otterpool Park LLP Transition Plan, engagement with Homes England and progress to secure third party investment to support delivery.	June
Design codes	This report and presentation will provide Committee with an update on the preparation of a district wide design code and opportunity to provide feedback on consultative draft documents.	October 2024

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Corporate Plan – consultation responses	<p>This report will set out a proposed approach to consultation in relation to the development of a new corporate Plan. The report will detail a timeline and range of consultation activities for consideration ahead of final approval.</p> <p>Three Members of the public also submitted suggested topics relating to the Corporate Plan. Their comments will be fed in to the consultation process.</p>	May / June
New Customer Access Strategy	This report and presentation will set out a draft of the new Customer Access Strategy. Committee is asked to consider and provide feedback ahead of the strategy being presented to Cabinet for approval.	Sept / Oct
Stodmarsh Nutrient Neutrality Strategy	This report will provide an overview of work undertaken with Kent County Council to develop a strategy to address issues related to nutrient neutrality which impact on planning and housing delivery.	May /June
Update on council's climate change and ecological emergency work	The report will update on the work that the Council has undertaken since the last Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 25 April 2023. It will focus on the consultation draft District-wide Carbon Plan and results of consultation and the Folkestone & Hythe Sustainable Futures Forum projects. It will also highlight the work that the Council has done in developing the District-wide Carbon Plan and the Council's role in facilitating, encouraging and signposting with community groups and fostering partnership working.	Winter 2024
Equitability of council resource across the district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make sure that Council resources - time, energy, and money - are equitably applied across our district, and that the concerns of rural and farming communities are recognised as clearly as the concerns of urban communities. • To ensure that people, wherever they live in the district feel that their concerns are listened to, understood, and acted on. • To encourage more visibility of cabinet members and senior officers across the district – maybe regional "open days"? Evidence that service provision and performance are being scrutinised for any regional disparities. • Other avenues explored include establishing the North Downs Forum, to bring together town, parish, and district councillors with representatives of community groups, plus other interested individuals across the two North Downs wards, with the intention of strengthening the rural & farming voice at F&HDC. 	Spring 2025
Transparency of planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planning system is not sufficiently transparent - residents are not always clear about the parameters within which decisions are made, and how best to 	Spring 2025

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	<p>pursue objections to proposed developments. A development might be happening on their doorstep, and they can feel excluded from the decision-making process - or at least unclear about the reasons decisions went the way they did. This can then breed cynicism about the council's intentions and actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore ways in which processes like planning mediation could help local residents be more involved in the evolving design of a development in its early stages and explore ways to involve local residents in the process more and earlier (e.g. through planning mediation) Putting greater efforts into educating people about the planning system. • The newly-established North Downs Forum (a group of district, town, and parish councillors, community groups, and other interested individuals) have said they would like more dialogue with planning officers. 	
<p>Traffic disruption to Folkestone and the North Downs Area as a result of the EU's EES which is set to be introduced in October 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that those currently planning for the Autumn disruption are informed by local concerns, and that there is a comms plan in place to make sure our communities know what to expect and what is being done by way of preparation. • Aside from the particular circumstances this Autumn, how do we make sure that Kent Resilience Forum and Kent Highways are taking account of the views of local communities impacted by their decisions? • Consultation and communication would at least help people feel that their concerns were being taken account of. 	<p>June 2024</p>
<p>Youth provision across the district</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of youth provision accessible to All children and young people across the district, not just those whose parents can pay, including SEND provision, mental health support, safe places to meet friends out of school, opportunities for purposeful fulfilling activity promoting healthy development and nurturing talents and potential. • The withdrawal of funding for youth provision by KCC and closure of youth clubs in the district (particularly Hythe Youth Centre, which has a membership of over 800), is going to deprive many children and young people of a facility which keeps them safe and supports wellbeing. The district council in consultation with the parish/town councils could work together with communities to address the needs of children and young people in the district. • A commitment from the district council to make a plan for children and young people, including funding, to keep youth centres running and to ensure that 	<p>TBC</p>

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	<p>children and young people are at the heart of the new district plan. As the president of the Association of Directors of Children’s Services said in the Guardian on Tuesday 20 February, “every child deserves a happy, safe childhood, in which they can thrive, not just survive, regardless of where the live, or how much their families earn”. He said governments should make a Plan for Childhood and that this is the only way to secure the country’s future economic prosperity.</p>	
Standing items		
PREVENT & Safeguarding (statutory item)	In accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to act as the Crime and Disorder Committee on at least one occasion per year, where they will receive a presentation giving an update on PREVENT and safeguarding matters.	October 2024
Otterpool Park LLP Business Plan	The Otterpool LLP Business Plan is updated annually and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the updated Business Plan prior to its consideration at Cabinet.	January 2025
Budget Update 2025/26	The 2025/26 budget update presentation will cover the general principles underpinning the council’s financial strategy to maintain a sustainable balanced budget, the budget setting process overview for 2025/26 and the draft time table. It will also provide an update on the council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Autumn 2025
Cabinet Member updates	As per part 7.2 of the constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Rules of Procedure), all Cabinet Members are required to attend meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on at least one occasion per municipal year in order to provide a general update on decisions made within their portfolio.	All meetings.
Motion from Council (29/11/2023)	<p>Motion from Council (29/11/2023) – Cllr Davison:</p> <p>To refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the council’s procurement plan, with specific reference to section 5 in the action plan, Local Suppliers and SME participation, which is to be reviewed quarterly.</p> <p>To explore further Progressive Procurement practises which are designed to encourage more local businesses to engage with our procurement process.</p>	

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	<p>That a reviewed policy should highlight not only the financial cost of projects, but also the economic benefits of localised procurement and investing capital within our own district. As well as ensuring value for money, not only for our community but also in partnership with them.</p> <p>That any revised policy be decided by members after May 2024.</p>	
<p>Opposition business from Council (03/04/2024)</p>	<p>As part of the Corporate Plan refresh being undertaken, to continue ongoing work to produce strategies which are inclusive to Culture, Heritage and Tourism.</p> <p>To conduct meaningful consultation with members, community organisations, residents and businesses to assist in the production of council strategies which are inclusive of Culture, Heritage and Tourism.</p> <p>Should a Culture, Heritage and Tourism Strategy be drafted, it be adopted by full council as the overarching authorising body of this council”.</p>	