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RESOURCES AND SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **ENQUIRIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2026/27**

Item	Date of Enquiry	Relevant Corporate Plan Theme/Annual Cabinet Priority	Information to be provided in advance	Those to be invited to attend	Articulated value of undertaking the review
Waste and street cleaning contract rollout update including an update from the Portfolio Holder Working Party for the Waste and Street Cleaning Contract Implementation.	Programmed for a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 15 September 2026.	- Pride in our area and services to residents - Championing our local environment - Financial sustainability and openness	Notes of the meetings of the Portfolio Holder Working Party.	Portfolio Holder for Environment & ICT Corporate Director for Operations and Delivery Assistant Director for Housing and Environment Veolia	To identify any possible areas for improvement and to make recommendations thereon.
Overview of The Financial Outturn 2025/26 and Proposed Allocation of the General Fund Variance For The Year and Other In-Year Budget Adjustments 2026/27	At Committee on 1 December 2026	- Financial sustainability and openness	Financial Outturn Report 2025/26 and In-Year Budget Adjustments 2026/27	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance & Governance Corporate Director (Finance & IT)	Provide reassurance and challenge the financial arrangements of the Council.
Pre-Budget Scrutiny Consider long-term forecasts. Challenging assumptions/testing zero base budgeting. Consider repeated overspends/underspends Addressing performance/budget requirements.	At Committee on 13 January 2026 [Pre-meeting 5 January 2026]	- Championing our local environment - Pride in our area and services to residents - Working with Partners to improve quality of life - Raising aspirations and creating opportunities - Promoting our heritage offer, attracting visitors and encouraging them to stay longer - Financial sustainability and openness	The 2026/27 Budget and update the end of Q3, draft budget for 2027/28 and the financial strategy plus details of significant overspend and underspend over the last five financial years. Consideration will be given to providing some additional local government finances training ahead of the Pre-Budget Scrutiny.	All Portfolio Holders All Members of Management Team	
Quarter 2 2026/27 Financial Performance Update	Programmed for a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 13 January 2026.	- Financial sustainability and openness	Financial Outturn Report 2025/26 and In-Year Budget Adjustments 2026/27	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance & Governance	Provide reassurance and challenge the financial arrangements of the Council.

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Capital & Treasury Strategy for 2027/28	At a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 2 March 2027.	- Financial sustainability and openness	The Capital & Treasury Strategy for 2027/28	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance & Governance Corporate Director (Finance & IT)	To identify any possible areas for improvement and to make recommendations thereon.
To examine the Asset management arrangements of the Council and consider the extent to which asset acquisition and disposal is strongly linked to the ambitions of the corporate plan. The enquiry will look at land assets and their use/value to the Council and community properties, investment in them and the use to which they are put, and Beach Hut (bases). [This matter will not look at Human Resources or matters in the Housing Revenue Account]. [carried over from 2025/26]	Through A Task and Finish Group A meeting of the Task and Finish Group was held on 3 September 2025 to consider property matters. The T&F Group was authorised to be reconstituted by the Committee at its meeting held on 4 November 2025. The membership was formally appointed on 4 February 2026 via a decision made by the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support), in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee. The Group's first reconvened meeting is due to be held on 17 June 2026.	- Championing our local environment - Pride in our area and services to residents - Working with Partners to improve quality of life - Raising aspirations and creating opportunities - Promoting our heritage offer, attracting visitors and encouraging them to stay longer - Financial sustainability and openness	A complete list of TDC assets (specifically property & land) and the ward they are located in. Repairing obligations (for this Council) costings in relation to maintenance for land & property asset. The enquiry will look at unused assets (e.g. toilet block at the junction of Coppins Road and Old Road, Clacton).	Portfolio Holder Assets Corporate Director Finance & IT Appropriate other Portfolio Holders and Officers Corporate Director Planning & Community Property & Projects Manager	The enable the examination of asset management and utilisation with a view to supporting delivery of the corporate plan 2024 and recommendations to release assets that do not contribute to that plan or otherwise rationalise assets to improve effectiveness and efficiency of those assets.
The Clacton Airshow and LGR	To be the subject of an off-agenda Briefing Note.	- Pride in our area and services to residents - Working with Partners to improve quality of life - Promoting our heritage offer, attracting visitors and encouraging them to stay longer			
Joint Working with scrutiny counterparts at Colchester City Council and Braintree District Council will continue throughout the 2026/27 scrutiny year to develop a joined-up system of scrutiny in preparation for LGR. The next meeting is due to be held in the coming months where Braintree District Council will take the administrative lead.					