

Highways & Transport Committee Work Programme 2025 - 26

Report Reference	Title	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Exempt Item	Is the report for decision or scrutiny?
18 September 2025								
HTC/04/25-26	First Financial Review 25/26	To scrutinise and comment on the First Financial Review and Performance position of 2025/26 and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	Yes	No	Scrutiny/Decision
HTC/14/24-25	Application to approve a Lane Rental Scheme	To outline the process required to develop a Lane Rental Scheme and to consider implementation of the scheme	Executive Director of Place	No	Yes	No	TBC	Decision
HTC/44/24-25	Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)	The Council's current Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) covers the period 2011-2026. It is a statutory duty of the Council to prepare and publish a ROWIP, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 s60, and it is therefore proposed to develop a new ROWIP.	Executive Director of Place	Yes	Yes	No	No	Decision
HTC/12/25-26	Delay to Department for Transport decision on Middlewich Eastern Bypass*	To consider the Council's options as a result of the delay to the Department for Transport's (DfT) programmed funding decision on the Middlewich Eastern Bypass.	Executive Director of Place	No	No	Yes	No	Decision
HTC/14/25-26	Local Transport Plan - Strategy and Investment Plan	The report presents the work undertaken in refreshing the Local Transport Plan for Cheshire East. The committee are asked to note the findings from the consultation on vision, aims and priorities and approve the proposal to launch a further round of consultation on the draft strategy and investment plan, which will set the strategic framework for transport in the coming years	Executive Director of Place	Yes	Yes	No	TBC	Decision
20 November 2025								
HTC/05/25-26	Second Financial Review 25/26	To scrutinise and comment on the Second Financial Review and Performance position of 2025/26, and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	Yes	No	Scrutiny/Decision

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HTC/06/25-26	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27-2029/30	To provide feedback in relation to their financial responsibilities as identified within the Constitution and linked to the budget alignment approved by the Finance Sub-Committee in March 2025	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer					Scrutiny
22 January 2026								
HTC/07/25-26	Third Financial Review 2025/26	To scrutinise and comment on the Third Financial Review and Performance position of 2024/25, and (if necessary) approve Supplementary Estimates and Virements.	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	Yes	No	Scrutiny
HTC/08/25-26	Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 to 2029/30 Provisional Settlement	To provide feedback in relation to their financial responsibilities as identified within the Constitution and linked to the budget alignment approved by the Finance Sub-Committee in March 2025.	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	Yes	No	Scrutiny and Decision
2 April 2026								
HTC/09/25-26	Service Budgets 2026/27	To set out the allocation of approved budgets for 2025/26 for services under the Committee's remit, as determined by Finance Sub Committee	Executive Director Resources, and S151 Officer	No	No	Yes	No	Scrutiny

**This report may need a "Special" meeting outside of the normal committee cycle (e.g. in July).

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Task and Finish Groups

Group	Membership	Established	Purpose
Home to Schol Transport – Cross Directorate with Children & Families Committee	<p>H & T Members M Goldsmith H Faddes C Hilliard</p> <p>C & F Members M Beanland L Crane E Gilman B Puddicombe</p>	May 2025	This project will enable members of both Highways & Transport Committee and Children & Families Committee to jointly scrutinise the Councils' arrangements for provision of Home-to-School Transport, including SEND. The Council provides transport for approximately 4000 students to educational establishments in the borough and beyond. The MTFS provides an increase in budget (FY2025-26) of £1.5 million with further growth expected in future years. Transport services make up 17% of the overall children's revenue budget. There have been recent planned changes to the council's policies, procedures and procurement arrangements for home-to-school transport and members are interested to understand the effectiveness of these and what else can be done to ensure services provide value-for-money.

Briefing Reports/Reports for noting

Title	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Expected Circulation Date via the Members Hub
Public Rights of Way Annual report 2024 - 25	To inform members about the work of the Public Rights of Way (PROW) team, including achievements and challenges.	Nicola Lewis-Smith -Public Rights of Way Manager	TBC

Note: These reports will be circulated outside of committee meetings.

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