

## Appendix A

### Topic Suggestions - Scrutiny Work Programme (In Depth Reviews) 2026/27

	Topic Suggestion	Potential Select Committee	Proposer	Details of any previous review work undertaken
<b>1</b>	Adult Education and Skills	ASCH	Cllr Nigel Cooke	Current year's review (not started)
<b>2</b>	Protection of Property	ASCH	Cllr Pauline Beall	
<b>3</b>	Outcomes for People being discharged from hospital	ASCH	Cllr Pauline Beall	Recent scrutiny reviews involving hospital discharge matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019-2020: Care Homes for Older People</li> <li>• 2020-2021: Hospital Discharge (Phase 1 – discharge to care homes)</li> <li>• 2021-2022: Hospital Discharge (Phase 2 – discharge to own home)</li> <li>• 2021-2022: Multi-Agency Support to Care Homes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Task &amp; Finish)</li> <li>• 2022-2023: Care at Home</li> <li>• 2025-2026: Reablement Service</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	Uptake of key vaccinations to support Winter wellbeing in 65+ year old adults	ASCH	Cllr Pauline Beall	
<b>5</b>	Supported Housing	ASCH/ People	Cllr Richard Eglington	
<b>6</b>	Best Start in Life Programme	CYP	Cllr Clare Besford	Scrutiny Review of Partnership Working in Early Help carried out in 2025
<b>7</b>	Serious Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation	CYP	Cllr Clare Besford	
<b>8</b>	Alternative Provision for Children and Young People	CYP	Cllr Niall Innes	

9	School Transport Provision	CYP	Cllr Marcus Vickers	
10	Transition from Children's Services to Adults' Services	CYP/ASCH	Cllr Jack Miller	
11	Supply Teaching	CYP/People	Cllr Katie Weston	
12	Alley Gates	Community Safety	Cllr Norma Stephenson	
13	Animal Welfare, Kenneling and the Protection of Pets	Community Safety	Cllr Norma Stephenson	
14	Procurement and Tendering Processes	People	Cllr Niall Innes	
15	Bereavement Services - Strategic Review and Development	People	Cllr Marcus Vickers	<p>Scrutiny Review of Burial Provision completed in 2021 and monitoring still ongoing (with the last verbal update in December 2025)</p> <p>Scrutiny Review of Muslim and Faith Burials carried out in 2025 focusing on extending choice by providing burial rings.</p>
16	Library Provision in the Borough	People	Cllr Nigel Cooke	
17	Tree Maintenance and Policy	Place	Cllr Marcus Vickers	<p>Scrutiny Review of Tree Asset Management undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee (now known as the Community Safety Select Committee) in 2022-2023 – final report (link below) endorsed by Cabinet in February 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Scrutiny Review of Tree Asset Management</a></li> </ul> <p>Action Plan in relation to the review's recommendations approved by the Committee in March 2023, with updates on progress provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2024: <a href="#">Agenda for Crime and Disorder Select Committee on Thursday 21st March 2024, 4.30 pm - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council</a></li> <li>• June 2024: <a href="#">Agenda for Community Safety Select Committee on Thursday 13th June 2024, 4.30 pm - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council</a></li> </ul>

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<b>18</b>	Waste Collection Services	Place	Cllr Marcus Vickers	<p>Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste, Recycling and Green Waste completed in 2023 and recommendations still being implemented/monitored.</p> <p>New waste service not implemented until April 2026</p>