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Title	Objective	Format	Officer/Interested Party/Partner			
30th March 2026						
Community Governance Review	To receive an update on the progress of Cheltenham's community governance review, the provisional recommendations, latest thinking on the prospects for a new town council and how we would resolve council tax discrepancies between this and the existing C5 if the new town council took on any townwide responsibilities such as twinning, arts and culture or the ceremonial mayoralty.	Information/Discussion Paper	Director of Governance, Housing and Communities – Claire Hughes/Alison	This will come in September		
6th July 2026						
Equalities, Diversities & Inclusion Policy	An annual update and review of implementation	Information/Discussion paper	Director of Governance, Housing and Communities – Claire Hughes	Will be ready in October		
Safeguarding – Safety for Women and	To update O&S on the work being carried out by the Cheltenham community safety	Information/Discussion Paper	Safeguarding and Partnerships Manager – Tracy Brown			

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Girls in the Borough	partnership in response to the “Your experiences, your voice – Life in Cheltenham for young women” report and event					
Climate Zero Report	To receive the annual report		Isobel Filipova – Business Initiative Manager Cheltenham Zero			
September 2026 (TBC)						
UBICO Update	To receive the annual UBICO report and update	Information/Dis cussion Paper	Head of Environmental and Bereavement Services – Karen Watson			
Charging for replacement recycling bins and bags – update a year on	To receive an update on the implementation of the scheme and understand any community feedback. The report would look to cover the following: changes in volumes of receptacles being issued; any increase in fly tipping ; reasons for changes made to charging schedule (from 1 Jan 2025); lessons learned, and any unexpected challenges experienced and how they were overcome.	Information/Dis cussion Paper	Head of Environmental and Bereavement Services – Karen Watson			

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November 2026 (TBC)						
2026						
Digital Roadmap for Customer Interaction	To understand what will be included in the Digital Roadmap for customer interaction and how this will improve the customer experience	Information/Discussion paper	Head of Commercial and Income Generation			
Draft Procurement Strategy	To consider the emerging CBC procurement strategy	Information/Discussion Paper	Strategic Procurement Manager			
Strategic and Local Plan	To bring an update on the strategic and local plan	Information/Discussion Paper	Planning Policy Manager			
S106	To look at the process of consulting on, making, defending and enforcing section 106 agreements, particularly with reference to the April 2022 report by cabinet to build enhanced transparency and engagement with ward members (recommenda	Information/Discussion Paper	Head of Planning or Director of Community and Economic Development - Chris Gomm or Tracey Birkenshaw			

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	tion 6 relating to section 6 of the report Decision - Community Infrastructure Levy Governance & Section 106 engagement - Modern Council (cheltenham.gov.uk))					
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