



Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the The Jeffery Room, The Guildhall, Northampton on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 6.00 pm

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 12) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 th February 2023.
4.	Chairman's Announcements To receive communications from the Chairman.
5.	Fly Tipping To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC and boost enforcement action 6.05pm to 6.35pm
6.	Net Zero (Pages 13 - 20) 6.35pm to 7.10pm

7.	<p>Updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>The Chairs of the Task and Finish and Oversight Groups to provide progress reports to the Committee</p> <p>i) Highways Contract Strategic Oversight Group ii) Active Travel Oversight Group</p> <p>7.10pm to 7.25pm</p>
8.	<p>Waste and Resources Strategy Members Working Group</p> <p>The Chair of the Waste and Resources Strategy Working Group to provide a progress report to the Committee</p> <p>7.25pm to 7.35pm</p>
9.	<p>Review of Committee Work Programme 2022-23 (Pages 21 - 28)</p> <p>To review and note the Committee Work Programme 2022-23</p> <p>7.35pm to 7.45pm</p>
10.	<p>Urgent Business</p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
11.	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>Exempt Items In respect of the following items the Chairman may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: "That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them"</p>

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
13 March 2023

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members:

Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)

Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Bob Purser

Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb

Councillor William Barter

Councillor Pinder Chauhan

Councillor Paul Joyce

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Councillor Terrie Eales

Councillor Louisa Fowler

Councillor Enam Haque

Councillor Charles Morton

Councillor Kevin Parker

Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

Information about this Agenda

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Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Council chamber, the Forum, Towcester on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)
 Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Bob Purser
 Councillor William Barter
 Councillor Pinder Chauhan
 Councillor Paul Joyce
 Councillor Charles Morton
 Councillor Kevin Parker

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
 Councillor Paul Dyball
 Councillor Terrie Eales
 Councillor Louisa Fowler
 Councillor Enam Haque
 Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

Also Present:

Councillor Rebecca Breese - Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs
 Councillor David Smith - Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, and Regulatory Services

Officers:

Stuart Timmiss, Executive Director - Place and Economy
 Jane Carr, Director of Communities and Opportunities
 Simon Bowers, Assistant Director of Assets & Environment
 Paul Everard, Planning Policy and Heritage Manager
 Vicky Rockall, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
 Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager
 Maisie McInnes, Democratic Services Officer

84. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

85. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2022 were agreed and signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

86. Chairman's Announcements

The Chair welcomed members and officers to the meeting and explained that there would be a slight reordering to the agenda with part of Item 8 taking place first to accommodate for Councillor Jo Gifford needing to leave at 7 to attend another meeting.

87. Updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Groups

At the Chair's invitation, Councillor Jo Gilford delivered a presentation on the Waste & Resources Strategy: Members Working Group. The Chair thanked Councillor Jo Gilford for the comprehensive presentation.

Councillor Jo Gilford then provided an update on the Northampton Town Plan and asked members to consider the scope for pre-decision scrutiny and highlighted the purpose, key lines of enquiry and outcomes.

The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment provided an update on the progress of the BHS and M&S redevelopment and explained that procurement was being looked into with the M&S buildings, as well as a soft market testing purchasing exercise to ensure viability and the removal of asbestos was also being investigated.

The Chair thanked both Councillor J Gilford and the Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment for the update and asked if there was any indication of timescale of when scrutiny would be able to investigate this. The director assured members that a business plan was being drafted and this would be circulated for scrutiny members' input.

Members asked if there were any foreseeable risks and issues with the building. The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment explained that Northampton was renowned for historic tunnels and other archaeological matters, but this was to be expected with the buildings acquired in the town centre. He also added that it would be valuable for scrutiny to include Councillors Breese, Larratt, and Lister into the scope to attend future meetings as Cabinet Members who were involved with the regeneration of the town centre.

Members expressed concern at the major development and the Chair felt that a task and finish was not the best approach and wider scrutiny involvement would be a more useful process. The Chair asked members for approval of the scope. Members agreed the scope with the addition of the Cabinet Members and the Chair explained the scope would be circulated as part of the minutes outside of meeting.

Councillor Chauhan provided an update on the Tree Policy Task and Finish group and explained the report of the Tree Policy Task and Finish group had been to Cabinet in December and received suggestions at the meeting. PLACE Overview and Scrutiny would continue to monitor the progress of the tree policy and strategy, and this would be added to the work programme. The Chair praised Councillor Chauhan and the task and finish group for their hard work.

Councillor Bagot-Webb delivered updates on the Highways Contract Group and Active Travel Oversight Group respectively. He expressed his disappointment in the lack of speed and urgency with progression. The Highways Oversight group would be receiving an update in March on the performance of the contract after the 6 month initial period. The terms of reference for the oversight group had been updated and members were keen to have an oversight of what was happening in terms of highways to give residents reassurance as he felt the state of the main roads with potholes was appalling. The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment explained that the department had set a timescale for work, and they were on target to meet the March deadline and will have had meetings with Kier. He clarified the Oversight group was to look at the overall performance of the contract with Kier.

In terms of the Active Travel Oversight group, Councillor Bagot-Webb shared that the meeting had been moved to 23 May 2023. The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment explained that the service area had been disaggregated between NNC and WNC and James Povey had joined the team on Monday to take things forward and there was a recruitment exercise in place which would hopefully resolve staffing issues.

The Chair thanked Councillor Bagot-Webb for the updates and agreed with the Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment that members should separate their ward member role from working on the Oversight groups.

RESOLVED: That the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the updates from the Task and Finish Groups.

88. **Local Plan Part 2 - Northampton**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs thanked the committee for the invite to attend and explained the Local Plan Part 2 was a long process and was at the conclusion stage and was due to go to Full Council. She detailed the executive summary contained in the report and handed over to the Planning Policy and Heritage Manager.

The Planning Policy and Heritage Manager explained that the proposals were submitted to reflect the hearings, and proposals for the modification of the plan, including main modifications which were agreed with the inspectors, to make the Plan sound. Following this the Proposed Main Modifications and a round of Further Main Modifications were put out to consultation and inspectors considered the responses and sent a draft Final report for fact checking. The council received the final draft version on Friday which concluded the plans were legally sound and compliant subject to modifications being made and closed the plan. The final version was being produced to take on board recommendations in the inspectors' final report and comments from the consultation, modifications and changes on policy map and non-material changes. The Planning Policy and Heritage Manager explained the Local Plan Part 2 was subject to adoption by the council and the opportunity for scrutiny was detailed in paragraph 6.5 of report.

The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment explained that scrutiny was part of the process requirement, and the Council had the decision whether to

adopt or not to adopt the Local Plan Part 2. There were rare incidences where modifications came back, and principles changed, and councils may choose not to adopt. This was an opportunity for scrutiny to flag any concerns before the report went to Full Council.

The Chair explained that Place Overview and Scrutiny could choose whether to scrutinise the document or consider that the scrutiny in place was sufficient and pass onto Full Council.

Members discussed the report and expressed concern at the inflexibility of the plan. Members felt that the plan needed to be passed onto Full Council so the Council could start working on the WNC plan. The Executive Director of Place, Economy & Environment explained that the plan goes through process of consultation on issues and options which developed the Council's strategy and set of policies. He emphasised that government inspectors scrutinised the document and essentially the plan was a fixed document and was up to the council whether to adopt, the structure did not allow for a living document.

Members discussed the scrutiny process and felt that the Planning Policy Committee that was in place added another layer of scrutiny. Members asked for clarification between the local plan and spatial strategy. The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs explained that the Spatial Strategy was now known as the Local Plan and the council were working on the WNC Local Plan.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs and the Planning Policy and Heritage Manager for attending.

Upon a vote members agreed to add the Local Plan Part 2 to the work programme and monitor the progress going forward.

RESOLVED: That the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

a) Noted the Council's progress in producing the Northampton Local Plan Part 2.

b) Considered the opportunity to scrutinise the new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire at future stages in its production and agreed to add this to the work programme.

89. **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny**

The Chair introduced the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny item and welcomed the Director of Communities and Opportunities, Community Safety and Engagement Manager and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, and Regulatory Services.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, and Regulatory Services thanked members for the invite to attend and present the report to committee. Director of Communities and Opportunities explained they were presenting with their Chair of Community Safety Partnership hat on and that the

report focused on safety progress performance and key priorities and any activity from January-December 2022. The Community Safety Partnership was well-established and had a good governance structure and good engagement from partners which were all listed in the report. West Northants valued the diversity within the community, and used intelligence led data shared from partners and engagement with community to plan activity work.

The Community Safety and Engagement Manager presented the report and explained it had been 12 months since they last attended Place Overview & Scrutiny. The report included data from a rolling 12 month basis which were displayed in red for the previous year, red for the previous post-covid and grey for pre-covid base to March 2020. Compared to other community safety partnerships there had been a decrease in crime rates over the last 3 months but an increase in domestic cases and sexual violence. With the cost of living crisis, they were expecting a higher increase in crime, but this trend would not show until a few months later. The data in the reports could also be viewed by locality and in terms of the highest crime and deprivation areas.

The Community Safety and Engagement Manager highlighted the partnership activity contained in section 5 of the report which showed key points:

- a Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator role had been created to ensure the delivery of the strategy and a working action plan to reflect the priorities with a multi-agency approach to delivery
- the Community Safety-Young Peoples Animation programme went live and was a free resource for schools aimed at year 6 pupils covering Fire and water safety, Knife crime and gangs, Personal safety and crime prevention, child sexual exploitation and online safety, hate crime, road and rail safety and mental health.
- delivered and supported 60 community engagement events, bringing communities together.
- secured Safer Streets fund over past 2 years with £1.7m invested in WNC and was hoping to secure funding in second round for Daventry area.

Members questioned the reporting of an increase in resourcing and the effectiveness of this with a reported increase in crime rates. The Director of Communities and Opportunities responded that there was a rise in crime nationally, but measures had been put in place and this was proving to have a positive result. With the cost of living and post-covid pressures such as housing there was an increase in crime. The department were tackling areas which had been highlighted as strategic priorities and without the partnership working the percentage figures recorded would be much higher.

Members asked to see the results of the domestic abuse board that had been set up. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager responded that they would be happy to share outside of meeting as the coordinator for this was new in post and had worked hard to set up and would be providing frontline officer training on domestic abuse and would become the single point of contact for the service.

Members asked a question regarding society, policing, and the need for more reporting. The Director for Communities and Opportunities responded that the directorate were determined to make improvements to make a difference as people's behaviour was at the root cause of crime and economic development, sufficient housing, and ensuring people had access to support made a real difference to the level of crime. The Council were committed to investing in localities, using preventative methods, and working with partners and having shared responsibilities. They were also providing education for primary school children and upwards.

Members noted that there was a mention of online safety within the animation training for schools but no mention of social media. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager responded that a module had been added specifically on the topic of social media and in terms of putting the package together the team worked with experts such as Simon Aston in the education team to ensure the topic was covered effectively. There were also numerous face to face events, the young citizens programme and other initiatives which targeted priority areas such as this and the modules were universally offered to all schools.

Members made a point around the data reporting with the chart in alphabetical order and asked if this could be categorised in crime groups to make more accessible for members to read. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager said she would pass this onto the police analytical team who produced the data.

The Chair asked a question surrounding drug-related and county lines crime. The Community Safety and Engagement Manager responded that the team were proactive in Northampton town centre and Northamptonshire police had worked hard targeting known individuals and making it difficult for them to come into the county. Work had also been done to install CCTV and improve lighting to prevent crime in places such as the Racecourse and Becket's Park in Northampton. She concluded that there was a strong partnership effort in this area to proactively reducing crime in this area.

The Chair thanked the Director of Communities and Opportunities, the Community Safety and Engagement Manager and the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, and Regulatory Services for attending and delivering their comprehensive report and responding to questions.

RESOLVED: That members noted the report and agreed to bi-annual reporting on Crime and Disorder with an update report coming to the Place Overview and Scrutiny committee every 6 months.

90. **Flood Risk Management**

At the Chair's invitation, the Assistant Director Assets and Environment delivered the presentation on Flood and Water Management Service.

The Assistant Director Assets and Environment concluded his presentation and invited members to ask questions. Members asked what happened in an emergency situation. The Assistant Director responded that the response depended on the

nature of the situation, if it was individual houses flooded on a small scale the protocol would be for those affected to phone 999 to initiate an emergency response, or for larger scale matters the Council had an emergency team who would initiate their rollout response.

Members deliberated the issue of housing development sites and drainage. Members discussed farming techniques, flooding and flood plains, tree planting and flood causes with the Assistant Director Assets and Environment.

Members shared that there was funding available to undertake flood work that the Council could apply for.

Members considered the staffing issues in the flood team and the skills shortage in this sector with the need for work to be outsourced currently in many councils and the environment agency. The Assistant Director Assets and Environment assured members that he was committed to getting the team to where it needed to be, and work was being done with HR.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director Assets and Environment for his informative presentation and asked if the presentation slides could be circulated outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That members considered:

(1) The presentation on Flood and Water Waste Management.

(2) That Scrutiny of flood and water waste management takes place in Autumn 2023.

91. **Review of Committee Work Programme 2022-23**

The Chair introduced the work programme and shared that a lot of the content had been covered at the meeting this evening. There would be a progress update on actions outlined in the action plan on fly tipping at the meeting on 18 April 2023. On the list of items to be scheduled a further report on libraries and the meeting date for this was still to be confirmed, as well as the Assets strategy, the Council's Carbon programme, and Economic strategy.

The Chair asked members for their input and members discussed that the Sustainability Strategy would be useful at the next meeting in March as this would tie in with fly tipping and the Carbon programme would be contained in the presentation as it was embedded in the strategy. Members also felt the Broadband Contract would be a good fit for the March meeting.

In terms of the WNC Local Plan, members considered that this was a good opportunity to provide scrutiny on the proposal before the consultation went live. The Executive Director Place, Economy and Environment shared there would be four or five opportunities for scrutiny to get involved with the policy development before it goes forward for consultation. He added that he would be happy to bring colleagues from the directorate to future meetings for progress updates and for members to review concerns and opportunities.

The Chair also asked members if they would like a workshop day working with different areas across the Council. The Chair suggested that a date be put in diaries for members to discuss at a future meeting so the Deputy Democratic Services Manager could plan the workshop and members could share ideas of what they wanted to see at the workshop event.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting. He shared the date of the next meeting was 21 March 2023.

92. **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 21:00

Chair: _____

Date: _____



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Emissions Report 2021-2022



Foreword

Sustainability remains one of our core priorities at West Northamptonshire Council. Like many other organisations across the country, we are aware of our climate impact and are dedicated to making changes to our relationship with the environment in order to make a difference today, and for future generations.

In response to the UN's 2030 Sustainability agenda, the United Kingdom has adopted its own sustainability agenda for 2030. The Government has called upon local authorities and communities, highlighting the vital role we all have to play to enable the successful delivery of these targets.

In order to play our part in protecting our environment for years to come, West Northamptonshire Council has taken steps to measure its impact on the environment and set out our intentions to combat these and reduce our footprint.

Within this report, we are outlining the Council's baseline CO2e emissions data, the baseline data details the Council's emissions for the financial year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

We launched the West Northamptonshire Council sustainability strategy in March 2022 where we communicated our commitment to achieving Net Zero Council CO2e emissions by 2030.

In order to ensure that we're supporting our communities in reducing emissions across the area, we also committed to achieving Net Zero West Northamptonshire emissions by 2045.

To demonstrate our commitment to leading the way, as a Council we joined the UK 100. An organisation whose purpose is to help local authorities deliver Net Zero targets. Adopting these ambitious Net Zero targets requires the Council to monitor, reduce and where possible, eliminate sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions across the organisation. In addition to the benefits Net Zero will bring to West Northants, it will also contribute towards the UK Government's 2050 Net Zero target.

These are ambitious targets, and it is essential that as Councillors and colleagues we come together to make a change.

Both large and small steps in the right direction are vitally important. For example, the council is looking at major investment in solar power to reduce

its carbon emissions, and developing business cases for future change to electric powered waste collection vehicles. We're also taking some small but important steps, and for example in December 2022 we removed all single use hot drinks cups in our canteen at One Angel Square. This will not



only make a difference inside of the office as people move towards using mugs and reusable coffee cups, reducing our waste; but we know it is also driving the vital behaviour changes that we all need to make to meet Net Zero targets across West Northants, and making us all more conscious of our past reliance on single use items, so that we swap to more sustainable cutlery, water bottles and coffee cups outside of the office too.

There are a number of ways you can join and support our journey. You may already act sustainably in your daily life without thinking about it, whether it is walking to the shops, recycling milk bottles or donating clothes to charity. So to make an even bigger impact, let's all make these acts a conscious and concerted effort.

We're all more likely to complete an action when we commit to it and we tell someone else, so here's your chance to make a pledge today at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/sustainability. There you can make a pledge, by describing the commitment and the changes you are going to make to be more sustainable.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our CO2e emissions report. We hope that you find this information useful and it enables you to consider the steps you can take to support our sustainability goals. Together we can make a difference for the future.

Cllr Jonathan Nunn
Leader
West Northamptonshire Council



'This report represents a significant achievement, and a strong base for delivering actions to cut emissions. CA-WN looks forward to seeing how it influences the council's decision-making and spending.'



Introduction

Alongside the launch of the Sustainability Strategy on 28th March 2022, West Northamptonshire Council committed to achieving Net Zero its own emissions by 2030 and Net Zero West Northants emissions by 2045. Additionally, the Council joined the UK 100, an organisation whose purpose is to help local authorities deliver Net Zero targets. Adopting these ambitious Net Zero targets requires the Council to monitor, reduce and where possible, eliminate sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions across the organisation. In addition to the benefits Net Zero will bring to West Northants, it will also contribute towards the UK Government's 2050 Net Zero target.

The purpose of this report is to summarise West Northamptonshire Council's baseline CO₂e emissions data, the baseline data details the Council's emissions for the financial year 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022. Data will be reported annually.

A glossary is available at the end of this report explaining key terms.

Accounting Tool, Control Boundary and Scope

The Council has adopted the Greenhouse Gas Accounting Tool, produced by Local Partnerships in cooperation with the Local Government Association, the tool is intended for use by local authorities and allows bench marking between authorities.

The tool has two options for setting the emissions control boundary. The Council has opted to use

the financial control boundary, meaning the Council will report on all sources of GHG emissions over which it has financial control. Use of the financial control boundary will ensure the emissions data is collected from all Council services, including the larger outsourced services such as waste collection, social housing contracts and the highways service contract.

Emissions data has been collected for all scope 1 and 2 emissions sources within the Council and for scope 3 emissions which fall within the financial control boundary and where robust data is available. The data is expressed as a figure in tonnes of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e). CO₂ equivalent or CO₂e allows for accounting of a range of GHG gases.

Accounting for Renewable Energy

The Council and Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) currently purchases 11m kWh of energy from renewable sources, these purchases are supported by Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGO) certificates. The energy purchased this way continues to be counted in the emissions report along with energy purchased via non-renewable sources. This ensures the emphasis remains on reduction in consumption of energy.

In addition to renewable energy purchases, the Council has generated a total of 409,108 kWh of renewable energy. The benefit of these savings are demonstrated through a reduction in consumption figures and reduced reliance on grid energy.



Baseline Data

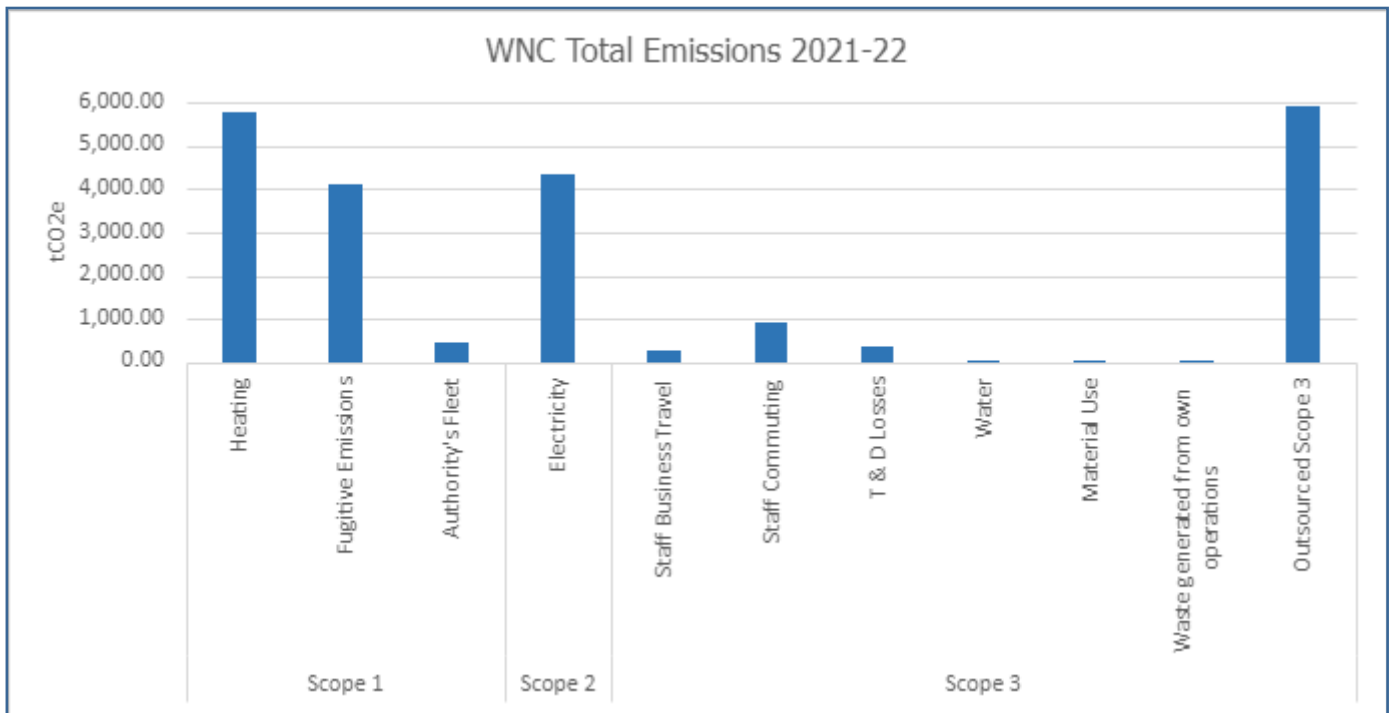
In order to develop a detailed emissions reduction pathway, the Council needed to establish robust baseline emissions data. The Council's sustainability team have gathered data from all Council services to produce a comprehensive CO2 emissions report. The table and graph below summarise all emissions from each scope.

Scope	Emissions Type	Emissions (tCO2e)	Percentage of Total Emissions
Scope 1	Heating	5,784.07	26.05%
	Fugitive Emissions*	4,091.68	18.43%
	Authority's Fleet	474.23	2.14%
Scope 2	Electricity	4,325.12	19.48%
Scope 3	Staff Business Travel	252.63	1.14%
	Staff Commuting	926.73	4.17%
	T & D Losses	382.75	1.72%
	Water	28.6	0.13%
	Material Use	18.21	0.08%
	Waste generated from own operations	2.46	0.01%
	Outsourced Scope 3	5,917.16	26.65%
Total Emissions		22,203.64	100%
Renewable Energy Generation (kWh) (WNC & NPH)	409,108		
Green Tariffs (kWh) (WNC & NPH)	11,011,151	2,169	
Net Emissions		20,034.64	

*Fugitive emissions are from closed landfill sites only



Baseline Data



Key Points

- The majority of emissions, 66.1%, fall within our direct control under scopes 1 and 2.
- The most significant source of emissions, 45.6%, is combined energy use.
- The second significant source of scope 1 emissions, 18.4%, are fugitive emissions from decommissioned landfill sites located across West Northamptonshire.
- The remaining 33.8% of emissions fall within scope 3 and outsourced scope 3 with the majority, 26.6%, being from outsourced scope 3 activities, this includes the Council's highways and contracted waste services.



Baseline Data

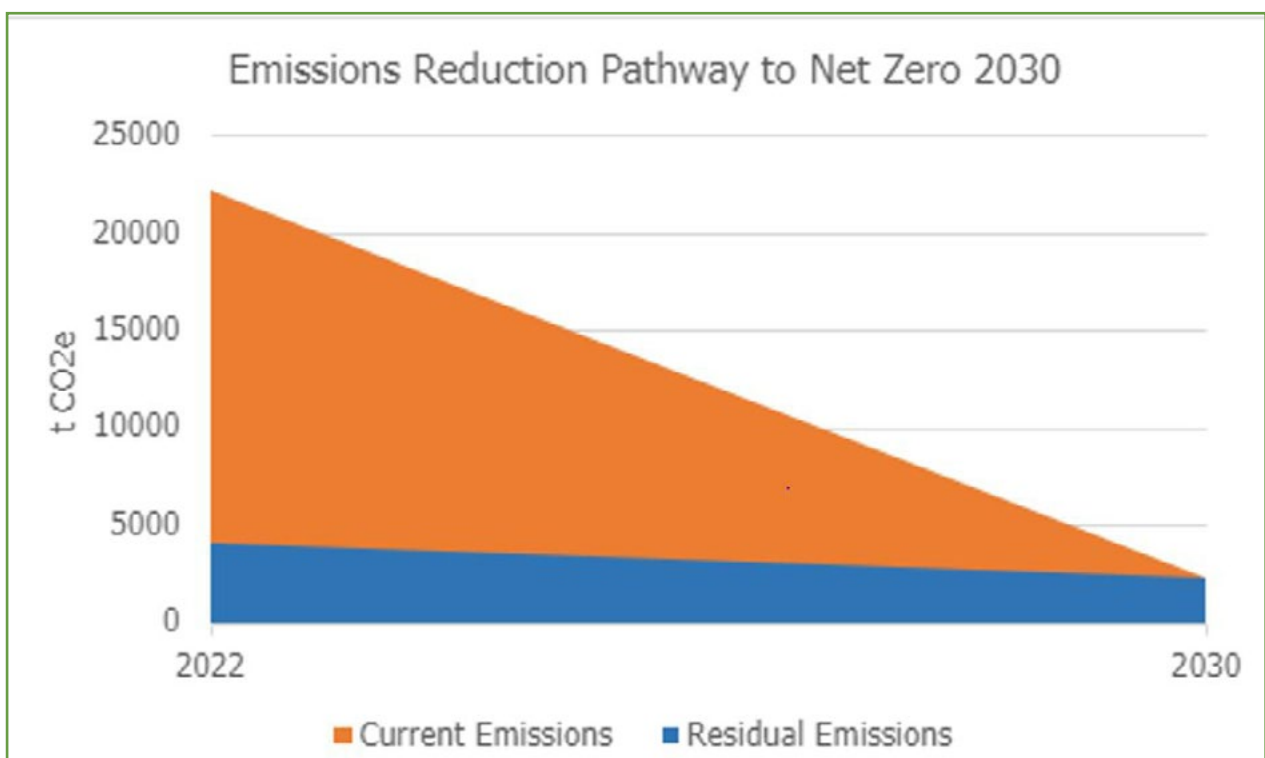
Out of Scope Emissions

The out of scope emissions are from social housing stock managed by third parties on behalf of the Council, and commercial leased properties. The use of the LGA tool excludes this data from inclusion within Scopes 1, 2 or 3 and will therefore form part of the Council's 2045 area wide net zero emissions target along with privately managed social housing stock.

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Social Housing Stock	The Daventry Estate Company Limited (TDECL) managed housing and NPH managed housing	35,716.90
Commercial leased properties	Daventry, Brackley & Towcester	3,909.65

Emissions Reduction Pathway

The Council is currently developing a detailed emissions reduction pathway to achieve Net Zero 2030. For the purpose of the report, an indication of the CO₂e reduction required to meet our target is shown in the graph below.



Emissions Reduction Pathway

At present we have limited data for emissions sources which can't be eliminated or significantly reduced, the graph above shows the current data we hold. The residual emission data is for closed landfill sites only.

The current projected pathway to Net Zero requires an annual reduction of 2,587 tCO₂e over the next 7 financial years.

Early work on our reduction pathway includes several projects intended to inform development of the plan, this includes:

- Preparation of a report to develop a fleet decarbonisation pathway
- A review of the energy purchased by the Council, with the intention of increasing the proportion of energy from renewable sources
- A feasibility study looking at the siting of solar panels on Council buildings and land, with a view to increase the Council's generation of renewable energy.

Next Steps

The Council will continue to refine the emissions data publishing an annual report showing progress towards our Net Zero target and outlining key actions taken during the year. The Net Zero delivery plan will continue to be developed and the emissions reduction pathway will be updated to reflect developments within the plan.

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Glossary

Scope 1 emissions - Direct GHG emissions occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the company, for example, emissions from combustion in owned or controlled boilers and vehicles. (1)

Scope 2 emissions - Indirect GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the company. (1)

Scope 3 emissions - Scope 3 is an optional reporting category that allows for the treatment of all other indirect emissions. These emissions are a consequence of the activities of the company, but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the company. (1)
For example, staff business travel, water usage, waste.

Financial Control Boundary - The authority reports on all sources of carbon emissions over which it has financial control. The authority has financial control over a service if it has the ability to direct the financial and operating policies of the service with a view to financially managing its activities, e.g. setting budgets, managing expenditure, and/or obtaining an 'income', such it might be the case in leisure centres, community centres, etc. (1)

Outsourced Scope 3 emissions – These emissions are from high value, large, outsourced contracts which are likely to present the biggest opportunity for making emissions reductions. For example waste management services (collection, disposal, treatment), facilities management, leisure centres, highway maintenance, social care and children's services (including home to school transport) (2)

Fugitive emissions - These emissions result from intentional or unintentional release. (1)
The only fugitive emissions included in this report are those emitted from closed landfill sites.

Authority's Fleet - Vehicles owned and operated by the authority. 2

Staff Business Travel - Vehicles owned by employees but used to carry out the business of the authority. (2)

Staff Commuting – This represents emissions from vehicles used for staff commuting to and from work. (2) This data was obtained by a survey undertaken by WNC.

T & D Losses – Electric utility companies often purchase electricity from independent power generators or the grid and resell it to end-consumers through a transmission and distribution (T&D) system. A portion of the electricity purchased by a utility company is lost during its transmission and distribution to end-consumers. (1)

References

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West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-2023

	Topic identified and scheduled
	Topic identified but not yet scheduled
	Topic completed

Item suggested for inclusion on the Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the Committee’s consideration

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee’s comments
Communities and Opportunities Directorate	The Committee to receive a presentation regarding the Communities and Opportunities Directorate and how Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee can have an input into its work.	<p>date: 17 May 2022</p> <p>date: 5 December 2022</p> <p>One single Local Plan for the whole of Northamptonshire would be developed and would be submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Committees for consideration at the appropriate stages – This item is detailed separately below:</p>	Director for Communities and Opportunities		
Local Plan for West Northamptonshire	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire at various stages	Date: 15 June 2023	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Planning Policy Manager Cabinet Member for Planning</p>	The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire over a series of meetings	
Northampton Town Plan planning and growth including		31 January 2022 (taken place)	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to	Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan

<p>other main town progress /Review</p>		<p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&S and BHS Development</p> <p>7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development - APPROVED - added as a separate work plan item below:</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>undertake a review of congestion, including parking and incorporating consideration of air quality and options for sustainable transport / active travel</p>	<p>would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 12 September 2022)</p> <p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&S and BHS Development</p> <p>7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development - APPROVED</p>
<p>M&S and BHS Development</p>	<p>To provide scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS development at Northampton</p>	<p>The evidence gathering for this Scrutiny activity will commence with site visits to various comparable developments.</p> <p>Dates to be agreed.</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS Development over a series of meetings</p>	
<p>Highways Contract to include economies of scale</p>	<p>To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.</p>	<p>31 August 2021 (taken place)</p> <p>The Committee to consider the content of the scope of the Joint Scrutiny Review 18 October 2022 meeting -</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>A Joint Task and Finish Group with Corp OSC to look at the Highways contract</p>	<p>A joint Highways Oversight Group with Corporate OSC is being convened.</p> <p>The Group has commenced its scrutiny activity</p>

		<p>Oversight Group to be convened</p> <p>The Chair of the Oversight Group will report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update:</p> <p>21 March 2023/18 April 2023</p>			
Sustainability Strategy	To provide Scrutiny input into the Sustainability Strategy	Date: 21 March 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	<p>29 March 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>21 March 2023 - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	The Committee to receive the draft fly-tipping policy for scrutiny input.	<p>The Committee could consider the reporting mechanisms, clearance and enforcement when providing input Completed 2/3/22</p> <p>21/3/23 The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan</p>
WNC waste strategy And Waste management Contracts	The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards.	<p>date: 18 October 2022</p> <p>NB: A working group has been set up (outside the O&S process) - The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting:</p>	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Yes - A cabinet Group has been convened	

		21 March 2023			
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	29 March 2022 (taken place) The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update: 15 June 2023	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	Yes, this work would take around 6- 12 months.	Information gathering to be provided to the Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2022 and a Task and Finish Group to be inaugurated. Councillor Bagott- Webb to Chair.
The Council's Carbon Programme	The Committee to review the Council's Carbon Programme	21 March 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		The Committee may want to consider an 'internal' carbon review and separately an 'external' review The internal review would concentrate on buildings, fleet, WNC-own energy, procurement and (probably) ICT. It is important that the Carbon Programme does not conflict with air quality - low emissions approach favoured
Libraries	The Cabinet Member and Assistant Director to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries	date: 17 May 2022 completed Further report to be received at a later meeting for scrutiny input: Date:18 April 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	TBC	From the briefing the Committee will decide how it can undertake scrutiny activity into this topic
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	18 April 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		

Place Overview and Scrutiny annual report 2022/23	The Committee to receive the annual report 2023/24 for Place OSC.	15 June 2023	Chair Place OSC		
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	26 January 2022 (taken place) 7 February 2023 (taken Place) 11 September 2023	Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement, and Regulatory Services Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		To receive a report from the Chair of the CSP each year.
Flood Risk Management	The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy	31 January 2022 (taken place) 7 February 2023 (taken place) 11 September 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England
Items to be scheduled					
Tree Policy	The Committee to receive Cabinet's response to the O&S report – Tree Policy and monitor the implementation of the accepted recommendations	Date: TBC			
West Northamptonshire Travel/Infrastructure Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Strategy, including footpath and cycleways, timescales and funding	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	

Assets Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Assets Strategy	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
Economic Strategy	The Committee to consider the Council’s Economic Strategy	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	The Chair to contact the Chair of Corporate OSC to ask then when this Committee scrutinises performance management that, if applicable, any issues under Place OSC are referred to this Committee for Consideration Date: TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	Performance Monitoring Reports will be taken from the Cabinet agenda for Place Scrutiny to consider
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	The Chair to contact the Chair of Corporate OSC to ask then when this Committee scrutinises performance management that, if applicable, any issues under Place OSC are referred to this Committee for Consideration	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	

		Date: TBC			
COMPLETED ITEMS					

Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 18 April 2023
- 15 June - TBC

Development of Overview and Scrutiny work programmes for 2022/23

NB: The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group considered the process to be used to develop Overview and Scrutiny work programmes at a meeting on 25 May 2022. The Group agreed that rather than go out to public consultation about suggestions for scrutiny topics as in 2021/22 it could be more useful to consider a survey of residents’ views about Council services. This would enable areas to be identified where Overview and Scrutiny might help to alleviate issues. The Group also agreed that Cabinet Members should be asked to provide details of forthcoming issues within their portfolios that might be subject to pre-decision scrutiny. The chairs of the three Overview and Scrutiny committees have written to the Leader of the Council to progress these matters.

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