



# Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**A meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the The Council Chamber, The Guildhall on Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 5.30 pm**

## Agenda

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> 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.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes - 26 January 2022</b> (Pages 5 - 12) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 January 2022.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes -31 January 2022</b> (Pages 13 - 20) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 January 2022.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b> To receive communications from the Chairman.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Presentation - Active Travel Strategy</b> A presentation be given to the Committee to provide background information before the Task and Finish Group membership is confirmed  <b>6:05pm to 6:25pm</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Fly-tipping</b> (Pages 21 - 34)

	<p>To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across West Northants Council and boost enforcement action.</p> <p><b>6:25pm to 7:10pm</b></p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Review of Committee Work Plan</b> (Pages 35 - 40)</p> <p>To review and note the Committee Work Plan.</p> <p><b>7:10pm to 7:25pm</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Urgent Business</b></p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b></p> <p>In respect of the following items the Chair may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the press and public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the 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 press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the press and 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> <p>None identified</p>

Catherine Whitehead  
Proper Officer  
21 March 2022

**Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members:**

Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)	Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Rufia Ashraf	Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
Councillor William Barter	Councillor Pinder Chauhan
Councillor Julie Davenport	Councillor Janice Duffy
Councillor Paul Dyball	Councillor Terrie Eales

Councillor Louisa Fowler  
Councillor Charles Morton  
Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

Councillor Enam Haque  
Councillor Kevin Parker  
Councillor Phil Larratt

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**Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at The Guildhall, Northampton on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 6.00 pm.

- Present            Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)  
                       Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)  
                       Councillor Rufia Ashraf  
                       Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb  
                       Councillor William Barter  
                       Councillor Pinder Chauhan  
                       Councillor Julie Davenport  
                       Councillor Louisa Fowler  
                       Councillor Enam Haque  
                       Councillor Kevin Parker  
                       Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms
- Also Present:        Councillor Phil Larratt  
                              Councillor Jonathan Nunn  
                              Councillor David Smith, Cabinet Member – Community Safety &  
                              Engagement and Regulatory Services
- Apologies for  
 Absence:            Councillor Janice Duffy  
                              Councillor Terrie Eales
- Officers            Jo Barrett, Assistant Director - Housing and Communities  
                              Diana Davies, Democratic Services Officer  
                              Stuart Lackenby, Executive Director - Adults Communities and  
                              Wellbeing  
                              Victoria Rockall, Community Safety and Engagement Manager  
                              Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager  
                              Stuart Timmiss, Executive Director - Place and Economy

**31.        Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**32.        Minutes**

Councillor Enam Haque advised that apologies had been submitted for the meeting of 14 December 2021

RESOLVED that: the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the minutes, subject to the amendment, of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14 December 2021.

**33. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair reminded the Committee of the additional meeting on 31 January 2022, added to the municipal calendar to meet the demand of the planned work programme.

**34. Farthinghoe Bypass**

The Cabinet member - Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste introduced the agenda item and highlighted the following contextual points:

- Installation of traffic signals on the A422 was proposed
- The pinch point in Farthinghoe – making it one-way could be considered a possible resolution
- Proposed work being developed within government guidelines
- Continued to work with the Parish Council and representatives
- A parish consultation would be undertaken in due course
- Would be working with the community and the detailed scheme would be worked on once consultation complete
- It had been recognised that a site marshal would be beneficial to this development, and an advertisement for the role was imminent. One element of the role would include community liaison. A full job specification would be drawn up
- Emphasis would be given to implementation of the right governance being in place, to ensure the facilitation of efficient communication and that the correct focus was given to the right issues

The Committee considered the presentation and members raised the following points:

- No mention of the A43, nor Northampton, Should the government be looking at the larger picture
- HS2 work traffic had and would continue to cause disruption. When both the Farthinghoe and the HS2 works were in progress simultaneously what plan was being considered for mitigating the disruption on these routes?
- HS2 development, Farthinghoe could see increased number vehicles and a significant number being HGV's, should consideration be given to fast tracking the traffic lights

The Cabinet member - Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste made the following points in response:

- The original report for Farthinghoe dated back to 1980, predated the building of the M40
- The marshal would be responsible for managing the road closures
- The public consultation needed to be undertaken, completion estimated as Autumn/Winter 2023

RESOLVED that: the report to the Committee be noted.

**35. Tree Policy and Strategy Task and Finish Group**

The Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Tree Strategy and Policy Task and Finish Group provided a verbal update regarding the progress and highlighted the following points:

- Meetings in 2021 build the works programme and developed core questions
- Questions were circulated to:
  - cabinet members and heads of service
  - schools, community groups, housing associations, parish councillors, save our street trees
- Consultation aimed at:
  - Identifying issues to ensure trees are planted in the right places to mitigate damage, insurance claims and harm from fruit droppage
  - Changing terminology from urban and rural to open areas, enclosed spaces
  - Identifying diseased trees, consideration to be given to the feasibility of a replacement programme
  - Development of a holistic policy
  - Historic issues should inform the policy to ensure trees planted now do not impact future generations
- Identified that an extension of time would be required to enable an informed report to be presented to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee - the end of April was proposed

A tree issue in a member's local ward was highlighted and the question would be put to Executive Director Place and Economy outside of the meeting. The Committee heard that removal of trees was now legislated and a consultation process was in place and notice had to be given. The Committee were also informed that there are three criteria for removal:

- Danger to life
- Danger to property
- Diseased

The Committee considered the presentation and members raised the following points:

- Had Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) and tenants been invited to respond to the core questions.
- How was the invitation received by NPH

The Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Tree Strategy and Policy Task and Finish Group made the following points in response:

- NPH and other housing associations had received an invitation to respond.
- NPH have indicated that they would be interested in engaging with the policy. They could consider revising contracts for their tenants. Cabinet would review the contracts.

RESOLVED that: the verbal update be noted.

36. **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny**

The Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing introduced the report to the Committee.

The Community Safety and Engagement Manager presented the report and gave an overview of current performance and trends relating to crime and disorder within the remit of West Northamptonshire Council and highlighted the following points:

- Performance – the report separates Daventry, Towcester and Northampton reflecting how they were historically recorded
- The statistics recorded would not reflect a normal year due to the differing trends during the national pandemic
- Crime down across all areas albeit indicating some pressure points
- Violence against women warranted an ‘action point’ so the activity reflects the priority given to addressing this
- In April 2021 a statutory duty was introduced for provision of support to victims of domestic abuse
- Local domestic abuse board – Tailoring services
- Strategy – cross country, worked with colleagues and then development of strategy
- Current Priorities
  1. Focused on strengthening governance
  2. Early intervention and prevention
  3. Provision of Services
  4. Minimising Harm
  5. Justice and Recovery
- Northampton town council data collection for future to be at ward level so priorities would reflect the needs of the ward
- Data indicated crime levels similar to other areas
- Provision of two-way comparison would be useful. Peer reviews in future reports compare how West Northamptonshire Council compares across towns
- WNC and Police priorities refreshed in line with community groups, community representative forums. The information received would inform the priorities and drive activity at a local level
- Stalking and harassment category would also include neighbourhood disputes and showed an increase correlating with the pandemic
  - Jan 2022 indicated both trends showed decline as nationally people spent less time together as they mobilise
- Police and parish councils have a rapport through the police liaison representative
- Public perception of work being carried out to address crime is low. Members were invited to provide the team with ideas for improvement

The Committee considered the presentation and members raised the following points:

- What’s WNC doing to take remedial measures regarding gun crime?
- Has there been a lot of enforcement by police tackling issues on county lines?
- Is there a list of community representative forums?
- How can roads being used as rat runs be addressed?



- Drink spiking in Brackley
- Could reports be provided at ward or possibly parish level?
- Community group, over lockdown reported shed crime and car crime. Police targeted the area and named and shamed culprits.
- Members noted that the police liaison representative in parishes wasn't consistent throughout West Northamptonshire Council

The Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing and the Community Safety and Engagement Manager made the following points in response

- WNC working with:
  - neighbourhood engagement groups,
  - Action Plans in place.
  - Building relationships.
  - Active around Spring family centre,
  - work closely with children's trust,
  - safeguarding.
  - Neighbourhood working group,
  - in schools working with children
  - series of activities working with communities
- It's recognised that organised crime could be taking advantage of County lines
  - Looking at interventions to be put in place for youth on the fringe of crime
  - Pre-Christmas gun related level of response from the police was significant. It had been noted that this had not been communicated well to the public. Recognised that communication needed to improve
  - The level of knife crime remained similar or below
- A list of community representative forums would be shared with the Committee members
- Members were advised that a reporting tool was available
- If reported, drink spiking would be investigated and addressed
- It would be investigated whether that level of information was recorded and could be extracted to a report
- Committee discussed other partners involved in the CSP such as the Police, Probation Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner and whether they should be invited to a further meeting when the Committee undertook crime and disorder scrutiny.

RESOLVED that: Crime and Disorder Scrutiny had been undertaken for 2021/2022.

### 37. **Review of Committee Work Plan 2021/2022**

The Deputy Democratic Services Manager introduced the report inviting the Committee to review the proposed new items for inclusion on the Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022. A full review of the work programme would take place at the committee meeting held on 31 January 2022.

The Chair presented the proposed action plan and invited the Executive Director, Place and Economy to address the Committee.

Active Travel:

- Funding from government
  - Task and finish group would be required to report to this Committee and then to Cabinet; it would comprise a number of committee members
  - It would be a 6-12 months commitment
  - A short presentation would be made a future Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee before a decision would be made on members for a Task and Finish Group, this would provide background information in relation to Active Travel
- Consultants would be brought in to assist in relation to scooters and electric hubs. Lambrettas were proposed also as a form of active travel.

The Committee discussed the proposed agenda item, and felt that Active Travel should be included onto the Work Programme and a Task and Finish Group would lead on this work.

St James Bus Lane:

- Bus Lane had been made 24/7 enforcement
- Council's reputational damage
- Severe financial loss/hardship to residents
- Delegated decision, redelegated to a manager
- Manager had over ruled decision of residents and ward objections

The Committee discussed the proposed agenda item, St James Bus Lane and found that:

- The Monitoring Officer had deemed due process had been followed
- Cabinet had reversed the decision that had been made previously therefore the situation had been remedied
- Rationale had changed resulting in less delegate powers

Proposed Development – Northampton Railway Station Car Park

- At the meeting of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 31 January 2022, a presentation would be provided regarding Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress and review). It was suggested Councillor Stone is invited to attend that meeting of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee before further consideration be given for inclusion on the work programme

The Committee considered three new topics identified my members.

RESOLVED that: the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- a) Agreed the inclusion in its work programme for 2021/2 of the topic Active Travel.
- b) St James Bus Lane, would not be included on the work programme
- c) Proposed development – Northampton railway station car park. An initial recommendation be made that Councillor Stone is invited to attend the meeting of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31 January 2022 where the proposed development in Northampton would be discussed, before further consideration be given for inclusion on the work programme.

38. **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Guildhall, Northampton on Monday 31 January 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Present Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)

Councillor Rufia Ashraf  
 Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb  
 Councillor William Barter  
 Councillor Louisa Fowler  
 Councillor Enam Haque  
 Councillor Charles Morton  
 Councillor Kevin Parker

Also Present: Councillor Lizzy Bowen  
 Councillor Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Jo Gilford  
 Councillor Julie Davenport  
 Councillor Terrie Eales

Officers Simon Bowers, Assistant Director - Assets and Environment  
 Kevin Langley, Interim Head of Major Projects and Regeneration  
 Stuart Timmiss, Executive Director - Place and Economy  
 Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager  
 Maisie McInnes, Democratic Services Officer

#### 39. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Haque declared a personal interest on Item 5 the Northampton Town Plan, as a Northampton Town Councillor.

#### 40. **Minutes**

The Chair deferred the approval of the minutes and declared the minutes from both meetings in January would be considered for approval by the Place and Overview Scrutiny Committee at the next meeting on 29 March 2022.

#### 41. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

#### 42. **Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress and review**

The Chair introduced the Northampton Town Plan agenda item and invited Marie Dickie to address the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Marie thanked the Chair and the Committee and said she welcomed the development of the area. She explained that the Friends of Northampton Castle had worked hard to promote a heritage hub for Northampton and urged the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate the conservation area and help to develop a space that would celebrate Northampton heritage.

At the Chair's invitation, Councillor Stone addressed the committee and expressed her concern regarding the criminal activity that took place in central Northampton and the increasing poverty of areas surrounding the town centre. She explained she was thrilled that investment was taking place and was pleased that the Marefair site was being invested in but felt that the Council needed to address anti-social behaviour issues as part of the regeneration projects taking place and prioritise the safety of residents.

Members asked Councillor Stone to share her opinion and explain what she felt the Council could do to listen to residents and what the community needed in terms of development. Councillor Stone explained that the Council needed to work closely with the police to ensure community safety and for there to be more visibility on the streets of Northampton. She explained that Castle house was a working-class area with a diverse population, and social housing and supported living developments were needed to benefit the community.

The next speaker Councillor Alwahabi addressed the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and stated that he welcomed the regeneration led by West Northamptonshire Council, but felt the Council needed to take more steps to ensure the town centre was a clean, green, and safe place to attract visitors. He continued that St Giles had some fantastic architecture and had won awards for investment, and at present there were 8 empty units. He urged the Council to develop the town with integrity and emphasised that social value should be at the heart of planning consideration, and planning should think carefully before disposing of town centre assets.

Councillor Birch thanked the Chair and introduced herself as the Chair of Northampton Town Council and a former councillor of the Northampton Borough Council and explained she had been involved with the town plan from the beginning. She praised the extensive plan which incorporated 10 different project areas. Councillor Birch expressed concern about how cohesion would be achieved through the developments fitting together, and how the Council would manage the construction side of the projects with contractors building in the town centre. She also expressed concern regarding the empty units in the town centre being changed into residential units and alluded to the former Marks and Spencers and Debenhams department stores. She expressed concern that the size of the individual rooms in the flats were far too small and had no outside space for residents. She felt it was the responsibility of the University of Northampton to ensure student accommodation was available on campus and it was best placed in the town centre. Councillor Birch concluded that more greenery and outside spaces were needed in the town centre and this should be incorporated into the plan. The Chair thanked the four speakers for their valuable contributions and invited the Executive Director Place and Economy

to respond to the speakers. The Executive Director Place and Economy thanked the speakers and shared that in terms of planning, a number of the issues discussed were outside the remit of the Council. However, West Northamptonshire Council were looking at a new housing strategy and were working in partnership with the University of Northampton as there was a demand for student accommodation. The new planning policy would look at how people were placed and take a contextualised approach to bring together regeneration and people. The Place directorate would be announcing a new innovative planning initiative shortly and there were lots of activities and projects launching that would bind the issues raised by the speakers. He continued that the Council were working in partnership with the Police and Public Health colleagues to ensure the safety of residents. The regeneration of Northampton town centre would make the town an attractive place for residents and bring visitors into the town, with the Derngate and St Giles street and other areas attracting tourism.

The Chair thanked the Executive Director Place and Economy and invited the Head of Major Projects and Regeneration to deliver his presentation on the Northampton Town Plan.

The Executive Director Place and Economy informed the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Council had recruited a Director for Cultural Impact. He shared that the architecture and materials being used were comprised from the same colour palette. As well as the physical work taking place, the regeneration would bring together the arts and cultural aspects of Northampton. There were also ongoing discussions with central government and hotel operators about investment in the town. There was also the opportunity for local businesses to use future office spaces, and businesses and government branches from London to commute to Northampton for work.

Members praised the Northampton Town Plan and asked what considerations had been made regarding the development of parking, transport, and highways. The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth responded that a new Car Parking Strategy would be in place by 31 March 2022. The transport plan was interlinked with the regeneration plan and it was being considered. There was a Northampton Forward Board that acted as a decision-making body for the regeneration of the town, and the board consisted of a cross-section of businesses, representatives from the University of Northampton, and members of the community. Within the group there were various working sub-groups that looked at various issues, for example there was a political subgroup which included the Northampton Town Council, a heritage subgroup, and a new communications and marketing board had been proposed to the Northampton Forward Board to share the news about developments. The Cabinet Member expressed that consultation and widespread involvement was critical as well as the need for transparency and governance. She explained there was also an oversight and delivery subgroup, and the business plan and financial reports were delivered to the subgroup which gave feedback to the Northampton Forward Board. The Cabinet Member concluded that an economic prospectus regarding the Town Plan would be available soon which would provide more detail on how the centre plan ties everything together.

Members expressed concern regarding county lines and other criminal activity in the town centre as this needed to be addressed as part of the redevelopment. Members praised the Vulcan centre and the residential accommodation but questioned where the green spaces would be and play areas for children.

The Head of Major Projects and Regeneration responded that the pandemic had proven that people were spending more time at home. The development would encompass green spaces, roof terraces and breakout spaces, such as the Market Square which would become a place that could accommodate everyone. The fountain in the square would be used as a feature and for splash play for children. There would be more greenery and seating in the town centre too. Members asked if an adventure playground would be installed, and the Head of Major Projects and Regeneration stated that the development would look at using public art acting as incidental play as there was not enough space in the square to incorporate a formalised play space, but other areas will be explored as the project moves forward.

The Chair asked if the redevelopment would be linked to Becketts park and if there were plans for bridges or underpasses for pedestrians to cross the busy road. The Head of Major Projects and Regeneration agreed and responded that the crossing had been identified as needing improvement.

Members questioned the benefit to cost ratio and the Head of Major Projects and Regeneration explained that the general principles were that cost could be attributed directly to different areas with the benefit being the uplift of the land would show that the development would mean the land was more valuable than what was there before. The government wants this to be applied with the Northampton Town Plan as well as increasing visitor numbers which would lead to increased spend rates and jobs per square metre. He also referred to the Green Book and Business Case Guidance that was updated in September 2021, as the Council needed to demonstrate a strategic business case.

Members asked about the new economic model as the high street in Northampton was changing as there was a demise of big department stores and asked how visitors coming into Northampton was being encouraged. The Head of Major Projects and Regeneration shared that Northampton had a vast cultural experience and leisure offer which visitors would find attractive, and he had been liaising with different stakeholders and these brands would look to invest in the town centre if the market square was regenerated. Northampton had a bustling evening economy with restaurants and bars, as well as the Derngate theatre to offer too. The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth expanded that Northampton would have a more cosmopolitan feel, championing small independent businesses and culture.

Members commended the impressive Northampton Town Plan and asked if there were plans to develop historical houses in the centre such as All Saints Church to celebrate the cultural element of the town and generating income from visitors. The Head of major Projects and Regeneration agreed that there was more to be done in the town centre, but the development of the market square was only the beginning of the regeneration that would take place in Northampton. The Executive Director Place and Economy confirmed that the directorate was currently undertaking a review of



assets and were aware of opportunities in Northampton's assets and buildings. The Town centre plan was the catalyst for change in Northampton and would be the start of future funding and investment in the town.

Members urged officers to involve community groups in the development as community engagement and support for the voluntary sector was needed and the Cabinet Member Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth welcomed the involvement of community groups and suggested that she invite members to the community subgroup of the Northampton Forward board.

Members shared that they welcomed empty units being changed and brought back into use but felt that issues such as parking and fly tipping needed to be investigated. The Head of Major Projects and Regeneration commented that they hoped to attract non-car users in the town as there were plenty of transport links from the town centre with the bus and rail station nearby, and not all the housing schemes would be able to offer a parking space per accommodation.

The Chair thanked officers for their presentation and members for their contributions. He invited the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider when they would like to receive the next update. Members discussed and agreed that a report providing a progress update in 6 months' time would be added to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee work plan.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That members heard the presentation on the Northampton Town Plan delivered by the Head of Major Projects and Regeneration
- (2) An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022.

#### 43. **Flood Risk Management**

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste introduced Councillor Chauhan as Assistant Cabinet Member and commended her work with the team on Flood Risk Management. The Chair then invited the Assistant Director Assets and Environment Senior Flood and Water Officer to deliver their presentation on Flood Risk Management.

The Assistant Director Assets and Environment delivered the presentation on Flood Risk Management and highlighted the salient points:

- There was a series of ongoing future projects and capital works to improve flood resilience in West Northamptonshire communities.
- The current service delivery model relied on outsourcing to external providers and the Council would be bringing the resource in-house so to enable all contracted work to be delivered. This would increase efficiency by having a specialist team to understand West Northamptonshire specific flood issues.
- Climate change was causing more pluvial flooding and the flood resilience project would look at prevention methods to reduce risk

- The Council were looking to collaborate with the University of Northampton to work with students to complete work experience and gain knowledge in the area during a sandwich year in their degree

Members were pleased to hear that flood risk management was being improved and asked if more site visits could take place as there were often issues reported to members that were difficult to explain over the phone without someone coming to review the incident. Members also asked for better accessibility on the Council's website reporting flooding issues and asked for details of a designated contact. The Assistant Cabinet Member responded that there had been a changeover of staff in the department at Ruth Burnham was the person to contact as the Senior Flood and Water Officer.

Members questioned if flood prevention was in relation to flooding by natural causes. The Assistant Director Assets and Flooding confirmed that the Council were concerned with preparing for natural floods and explained that flood plains were a natural part of how rivers behave, and part of the wider problems is that many houses have been built on a flood plain. The Assistant Cabinet Member for HR shared that there were Regional Planning Committee Flood Boards which had a primary function to look at locations that required additional funding and requested that any examples could be brought to the board to be considered for funding.

Members discussed problematic areas in West Northamptonshire for flooding and mentioned Brackley, St James, Silverstone, Tiffield and Towcester as key flood areas that would need investigating and prevention resources. The Senior Flood and Water Officer shared that the Innovative Flood Resilience Project was tasked with flood matters and improving community resilience considering that climate change meant that more places would be at risk of flooding in the future, and the Council needed to be prepared and have prevention measures in place. She explained that the board had been working with DEFRA and had acquired £6m in funding over the last year to ensure flood resilience for properties built on flood plains.

The Chair thanked officers for their presentation on Flood Risk Management and for answering questions of the committee. The Chair requested that a progress update report be brought to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 12 months' time on Flood Risk Management.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Committee heard the Assistant Director Assets and Environment deliver a presentation on Flood Risk Management
- 2) That the Committee requested a progress update report be brought to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2023.

#### 44. **Review of Committee Work Plan 2021/2022**

The Chair introduced the Committee Work Plan and explained that as the work plan would be updated to incorporate the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee's request to have an update Northampton town plan in 6 months' time and an update

on Flood Risk Management as agreed at the meeting and would remove St James' Bus Lane from the Committee Work Plan.

Members suggested that the Committee Work Plan be formatted so that comments could be aligned next to each item and be reviewed regularly to document the committee's progress. Members felt that a RAG rating could be applied to demonstrate any items which needed urgently addressing in red, as an example. Members also suggested the Committee Work Plan be formatted in chronological order with closed items at the bottom and ongoing issues at the top of the list, and requested that the work plan incorporate the Place Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish groups

The Chair thanked members for their great ideas and asked the Deputy Democratic Services Manager to revise the Committee Work Plan and circulate to members for feedback and any further comments. The Chair then invited the Deputy Democratic Services Manager to discuss the annual report of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Deputy Democratic Services Manager referred to the Committee Work Plan and asked if members were happy for the annual report to come to the next meeting or if they would prefer it be delayed until June 2022 as the Committee only started the work programme from June 2021. Members agreed that the annual report be produced in time for the meeting in June.

The Chair thanked members for attending the meeting and announced the next meeting of the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee would take place on 22 February 2022 and the Committee and the topics for the meeting would be an introduction to Active Travel and fly tipping and closed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Deputy Democratic Services Manager revise the Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan to make agreed format changes and to add an update on the Northampton Town Plan for July 2022, an update on Flood Risk Management for January 2023 and to remove St James' Bus Lane from the work plan.

45. **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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Item no:
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**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**29 March 2022**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Fly-tipping Charter and Action Plan</b>
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**List of Appendices**

**Appendix A – Draft Fly-tipping Charter**

**Appendix B –Draft Action Plan**

**1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To seek the approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the draft Fly-tipping Charter and Action Plan.

## **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 A draft fly-tipping and duty of care charter and accompanying action plan has been developed to set out how the Council will identify, investigate and deal with the behaviours of those individuals and businesses who feel it is acceptable to not dispose of their waste responsibly, or in accordance with legal requirements.
- 2.2 The accompanying action plan outlines a realistic time limited programme of actions to progress the coordination of work in this area to fully enable harmonised and consistent action to be taken across West Northants.

## **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1 It is recommended that the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- a) Ratifies the proposed charter and action plan, subject to any suggested amendments the Committee wish to propose
  - b) Agrees to receive an update on the progress of the actions outlined in the action plan in March 2023

## **4. Reason for Recommendations (NOTE: this section is mandatory and must be completed)**

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- To accord with legislation or the policy of the Council
- To ensure that clear and transparent information is in place for residents and communities of West Northants

## **5. Report Background**

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- 5.1 An officer working group with representatives from the waste and regulatory services teams has developed a draft fly-tipping and duty of care charter and action plan.
- 5.2 Fly-tipping and other environmental crime is unsightly, it has a negative effect on the perception of the area, it is hazardous to the environment and wildlife and is socially unacceptable. It is also a criminal offence to deposit waste in specific circumstances. Clearing fly-tipping places significant costs both on the Council and on private landowners who are responsible for clearing material fly-tipped on their land. In 2021/22 the cost of disposal of waste from local authority land was £182 000 (this does not include the costs of collecting the waste).
- 5.3 The charter outlines the principles of the coordinated approach that will be taken across the West Northants Council area to tackle this unacceptable behaviour.
- 5.4 The approach focuses on the themes of communication and education, working with partners, enforcement and review.
- 5.5 The charter also clearly sets out limitations upon the authority and thresholds of evidence required for enforcement action.
- 5.6 The draft document at Appendix A expands on each of these themes and the action plan at Appendix B outlines a number of specific time limited actions that will be taken to progress the objectives of the charter.

- 5.7 The actions outlined in the action plan are considered to be proportionate and achievable given current levels of resource available to address fly-tipping and environmental crime. Additional or more rapid action would require the deployment of additional financial or staffing resource.
- 5.8 The charter includes provision for an annual review and it is proposed to report back on progress with the action to Overview and Scrutiny in March 2023 in order to inform this annual review.
- 5.9 The charter is one of a series that it is intended to produce on environmental crime over the coming months, including charters on graffiti, abandoned vehicles, fly posting and the litter charter which is already published.

## **6. Issues and Choices**

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- 6.1 Overview and Scrutiny can agree to accept the draft charter and action plan as presented.
- 6.2 Overview and Scrutiny can choose to suggest amendments to the draft charter and action plan

## **7. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **7.1 Resources and Financial**

- 7.1.1 The measures outlined in the action plan have been formulated in accordance with levels of staffing and financial resource which are available within the budget for 2022/ 23.
- 7.1.2 Should additional measures be proposed or if Overview and Scrutiny recommend that works in the action plan are undertaken to a different timetable, additional resource would be required. This would have to be subject to a funding bid in the next budget round.

### **Legal**

- 7.1.3 “Fly-tipping” is a term commonly used to refer to conduct which amounts to the illegal and disposal of uncontrolled waste, which can be any household, commercial or industrial waste. It does not include “littering”, which a separate and lesser criminal offence. Under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, it is illegal for any person to deposit controlled waste, knowingly cause or knowingly permit controlled waste to be deposited in or on any land unless an environmental permit is in force and the deposit is in accordance with the permit.
- 7.1.4 The maximum sentence upon summary conviction in the Magistrates’ Court is imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, an unlimited fine or both. For particularly serious cases, conviction in the Crown Court carries a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment, an unlimited fine or both.
- 7.1.5 Section 33ZA of the 1990 Act allows Councils to issue a fixed penalty notice for fly-tipping waste offences in breach of section 33 of up to £400. It is also an offence under

section 34 for a waste holder to fail to take all reasonable measures to prevent another person committing a section 33 offence, to fail to prevent the escape of waste from his or another person's control and to fail to ensure waste is transferred to an authorised person.

- 7.1.6 The Charter and the Council's Enforcement Policy outline how the above powers will be used in practice.

**Legal comments provided by James Chadwick, Senior Licensing and Litigation Solicitor, Legal Services.**

## 7.2 Risk

- 7.2.1 There is a reputational risk to the Council from failing to address fly-tipping and duty of care issues in the area. The charter and action plan outline measures to mitigate this risk.

## 7.3 Consultation

- 7.3.1 The draft charter has been developed in consultation with colleagues from the Waste and Communications teams.

## 7.4 Climate Impact

- 7.4.1 Fly-tipping and other environmental crime have a negative impact on the wider environment, with potential to contaminate land and water and to damage eco-systems. By taking actions to deter fly-tipping the measures outlined in the charter can have a positive environmental impact.

## 7.5 Community Impact

- 7.5.1 Many locations across West Northamptonshire are blighted by fly-tipping. The actions outlined in the charter and action plan seek to address these negative impacts. The charter will provide a positive community impact in terms of enabling a greater understanding of the issues and limitations of the Council in respect of environmental crime matters.

## 7.6 Communications

- 7.6.1 Communication is one of the key elements of the charter. Colleagues from the Communications team have been involved in its development and will be working closely with the environmental crime team and other partners to promote clear and consistent messaging to deter and deal with fly-tipping.

## 8. Background Papers

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## **1 Introduction**

Our fly-tipping and duty of care charter aims to set out how we identify, investigate and deal with the behaviour of those individuals or businesses who feel it is acceptable not to dispose of their waste responsibly, or in accordance with legal requirements. Fly-tipping and other environmental crime within our area is unsightly and has a negative effect on the perception of the area, is hazardous to the environment and wildlife and is socially unacceptable.

Tackling fly-tipping is a wider issue than just clearing it up, education programmes in communities are required along with close working with our partners on strategic plans for infrastructure, regular monitoring on usage and bin emptying schedules to be reviewed seasonally.

Dealing with fly-tipping and duty of care offences, places a significant financial and resource burden on local authorities and other landowners, as well as having a negative impact on communities and the locality, suppressing property prices and damaging local economic growth.

The Council has a robust enforcement policy and where appropriate, sanctions will be taken against offenders in line with that policy. Fly-tipping is an unacceptable blight on our communities and a robust approach towards this unlawful behaviour will be taken in line with our enforcement policy.

## **2 Objectives**

This fly-tipping and duty of care charter has been developed to ensure that West Northamptonshire has a co-ordinated approach to tackle issues across the whole council area. The fly-tipping and duty of care charter and the littering charter should be considered together to support a common approach to littering and fly-tipping.

The objectives of the charter are to:

- improve the local environment

- reduce the amount of fly-tipping, bringing a sense of pride to communities and reducing clean-up costs to the authority
- work with communities and partners to support them when they report environmental crime offences
- support witnesses to ensure robust evidence is available to enforcing officers
- ensure consistent application of the enforcement policy and associated sanctions across the whole of the west, including both rural and urban areas
- educate the public about the detrimental effect of fly-tipping and the consequences of fly-tipping
- ensure that duty of care requirements are understood by all sectors of the community, including businesses and householders.

This charter provides a detailed plan of action which is regularly carried out to tackle fly-tipping in West Northamptonshire.

We have developed a charter for the following reasons:

- To identify and consider specific local issues
- Define problems and possible solutions
- Understand opportunities
- Set direction
- Learn from best practice elsewhere
- Get feedback and support from stakeholders
- To adopt a co-ordinated approach across the whole of the West Northamptonshire Council area
- To provide a clear and transparent way of communicating our aspirations and methods of dealing with fly-tipping, education and enforcement

Our approach to tackling fly-tipping and duty of care offences falls under the following themes:

1. Communicate and educate
2. Work with partners (Internal and external) and communities
3. Enforcement
4. Review

## **3 Approaches to Fly-tipping and Duty of Care Offences**

### **3.1 Communicate and Educate**

When tackling fly-tipping and duty of care offences, our main aim is to discourage unlawful waste disposal and encourage responsible disposal (e.g using the Council bulky waste collection service, the Household Waste Recycling Centres , commercial waste contracts, household waste bins (where appropriate) and litter bins. A range of communication and education actions are undertaken:

- Visible presence of neighbourhood wardens supporting the council objectives in the local area and providing information to residents
- Using social media to highlight activities which are considered to be fly-tipping to educate the public
- Ensure that enforcement action in line with our policy is taken in a robust and consistent fashion, and that results are published in the community
- Where possible, attending local neighbourhood meetings or community groups to talk about litter, fly-tipping and wider environmental crime
- Installing clear signage to discourage fly-tipping
- Working with local members to communicate with residents and businesses
- Deploying cameras in fly-tipping hotspots to gather evidence
- Encouraging members of the public to come forward with evidence or intelligence
- Promoting national campaigns through social media and our websites
- Ensuring businesses and householders are aware of legislative requirements around duty of care for their waste disposal and how they can comply
- Ensure landowners, landlords, businesses and the wider community are educated on their responsibilities and penalties for unlawful waste disposal and fly tipping.

### **3.2 Work with Partners (Internal and External) and Communities**

Our fly-tipping and duty of care charter will support the wider community providing positive good working relationships. That will mean consulting with community groups, businesses, schools, environmental agencies, charities, and others.

We will continue to work closely with our waste collection teams to ensure that information which allows enforcement action to be carried out is always shared.

We commit to ensuring that businesses in West Northants understand the legal requirements for waste disposal and that they comply with those requirements.

We will work closely with our colleagues in neighbouring authorities, Registered Social Landlords, the Environment Agency, Northamptonshire Police and other partners to ensure sharing of good practise and appropriate information to allow us to carry out our and their regulatory duties effectively.

We will always investigate and seek out funding opportunities (from internal and external sources). We will continually review and monitor action taken and consider additional resource to support the work of the team.

### **3.3 Enforcement**

We are committed to taking robust enforcement action in relation to environmental crime, including fly tipping, dog fouling and littering in accordance with our enforcement policy.

Teams work closely with partners and the public to identify hotspots and aim to reduce fly-tipping through actions such as:

- Targeted patrols
- Using intelligence gathered to focus enforcement activities
- Timely investigation of environmental crime to maximise the possibility of obtaining robust evidence
- Issuing of appropriate fixed penalty notices and rigorously pursuing those payments. We may utilise partner organisations to carry out this enforcement on our behalf.
- CCTV in various locations to assist with gathering of evidence

- Working with local residents, town and parish councils, to better understand local issues and gather intelligence
- Working with local businesses and other partners to gather intelligence
- Prosecution in the most serious cases or those where there are repeat offences
- Committing to sharing information across various media channels around successful enforcement action taken. Appeals for information will also be published from time to time.

It must be recognised that where there is insufficient evidence to allow a case to proceed then the Council cannot take enforcement action. This may be due to lack of useable evidence or reluctance of witnesses to provide statements amongst other reasons. The Council will act in an open and transparent manner in respect of environmental crimes, and where it is unable to take further action it will clearly communicate the closure of the case and the reason why.

### **3.4 Reviews**

Annual reviews of the above aspects are carried out to ensure that the fly-tipping and enforcement policies are still appropriate and relevant to current issues.

### **3.5 Next Steps**

An Action plan which outlines the next steps required to support the charter is set out in Appendix 1, along with timescales for completion of those actions. We will update the Action Plan on an annual basis.

## **4 Conclusion**

This fly-tipping charter documents the approach taken to tackling fly-tipping in West Northamptonshire and details the actions we are using to do this.

Our aim is to improve the local environment for residents and visitors to the areas, making them want to live and return to the area, as well as valuing their local communities and feeling a sense of wellbeing.

We will work with our communities and strive to ensure that all residents of West Northamptonshire are aware of the penalties of committing duty of care and fly-tipping offences.



## Fly-tipping and Duty of Care Action Plan

Action	Completion Date
Camera Deployment policy approved for internal use	2 months
Communication Strategy, to include communication with partners and the public	3 months
CCTV Deployment to most commonly affected areas	3 months
Review use of CCTV and analysis of effectiveness. Consider additional equipment whilst recognising resource limits to deal with evidence gained	6 months
Common Method of assessing fly-tipping hotspot data and prioritisation of resource deployment	6 months
Assessment of the use of external contractor acting on behalf of West Northants Council. Consideration of expansion and tendering of new contract	9 months

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Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee's comments
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	<b>29 March 2022</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to receive the draft fly-tipping policy for scrutiny input.	The Committee could consider the reporting mechanisms, clearance and enforcement when providing input
<b>Active Travel</b>	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	<b>29 March 2022</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	<b>Yes, this</b> 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.
<b>The Council's Tree Policy</b>	To provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire  Regular updates to be provided to the Committee by the Chair of the Task and Finish Group	31 August 2021 – A Task and Finish Group has been set up and will conclude its review in May 2022  To report to the meeting of the Committee: <b>28 June 2022</b>	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Yes	<b>Task and Finish Group set up and due to complete its review in May 2022</b>  The Committee to provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire.  The Committee may want to hold a Scrutiny Inquiry "what Members/the public want from a tree policy' and feed this information into the draft Tree Policy.

<p><b>Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review</b></p>		<p>31 January 2022</p> <p><b>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 28 June 2022</b></p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of congestion, including parking and incorporating consideration of air quality and options for sustainable transport / active travel</p>	<p>The Task and Finish Group could scope its Review at its inaugural meeting and present its Terms of Reference (scope) to the meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 December 2021 for approval</p> <p><b>Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 28 June 2022)</b></p>
<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022</b></p>	<p>The Committee to consider its Annual Report 2021/2022 for submission to full Council for information</p>	<p><b>28 June 2022</b></p>	<p>The Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p><b>Crime and Disorder Scrutiny</b></p>	<p>The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)</p>	<p>26 January 2022 (taken place)</p> <p><b>13 February 2023</b></p>	<p>Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Community Safety &amp; Engagement, and Regulatory Services Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>		<p>To receive a report from the Chair of the CSP each year.</p>
<p><b>Flood Risk Management</b></p>	<p>The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy</p>	<p>31 January 2022 (taken place)</p> <p><b>13 February 2023</b></p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		<p>To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England</p>

Items to be scheduled					
Highways Contract to include economies of scale	To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.	31 August 2021  <b>Further meetings TBC</b>	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed.	A workshop is being organised within the service area regarding the contract; potentially the Committee could be invited to attend the workshop.
Waste Disposal Contract	To investigate how waste is dealt with, including the harmonisation of green waste.	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	This review could concentrate on a number of issues; and Scrutiny could concentrate on one specifically: Garden waste charging Dry Recyclable treatment options Residual waste
Libraries	The Cabinet Member to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries	<b>Suggested date: 19 April 2022 (to be confirmed)</b>	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure		From the briefing from the Cabinet Member, the Committee will decide how it can undertake scrutiny activity into this topic
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	To be confirmed	

			Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		
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	
The Council's Carbon Programme	The Committee to review the Council's Carbon Programme	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	It is Important that the Carbon programme does not conflict with air quality – low emissions approach favoured.  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.
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	To be confirmed	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	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent	No	

			upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed		
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		
<b>COMPLETED ITEMS</b>					
<b>St James Bus Lane</b>	To scrutinise the decision to make the St James bus lane 24/7 enforcement with CCTV	Councillor Julie Davenport, Place Committee Member	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	<b>No</b>	<b>COMPLETE.</b> No further action – Committee agreed this item would not be included onto its Work Programme 2021/22
<b>Proposed development – Northampton railway station car park</b>	To provide scrutiny input into the proposed development - Northampton railway car park	Councillor Danielle Stone	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	<b>No</b>	<b>COMPLETE</b> No further action – The Committee agreed that this issue would be covered in an agenda item at the meeting on 31 January 2022 and Councillor Stone be invited to attend for this item.
North West Relief Road	To review the funding gap for the project. To monitor the current processes including quality and change	31 August 2021	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	<b>COMPLETE</b>
Work Programming Event	The Committee to confirm the date for its Work Programming event	31 August 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Leader (and Cabinet Member for Strategy)	No	<b>COMPLETE</b>  Work Programme for 2021/2022 finalised

			<p>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment &amp; Rural Affairs</p>		
Farthinghoe Bypass	To receive an update on the Farthinghoe Bypass for Scrutiny input.	26 January 2022	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		<b>COMPLETE</b>

**NB: Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider various motions from the predecessor Councillors around: Climate Change, Tree Policy and Strategy, Road Safety, Spatial Options, Recycling and Waste Contract and Social Value Contract as plans, and policies are developed/or included on the WNC 2021/2022 work programme**