



Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held in The Court Room at The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Monday 15 November 2021 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 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 September 2021.
4.	Chair's Announcements To receive communications from the Chair.
5.	Urgent Business The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.
6.	School Budgets (Pages 11 - 28) The Committee to receive a presentation on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).
7.	Draft Budget 2022-23 The Committee to receive a verbal update on the Budget Setting Process for 2022-23.

8.	<p>Carried Motions on Notice - Predecessor Councils (Pages 29 - 58)</p> <p>The Committee to consider the carried motions from predecessor councils relevant to its remit, provide comment and consider whether to add further details to its Work Programme 2021/2022.</p>
9.	<p>Review of Committee Work Programme 2021/2022 (Pages 59 - 68)</p> <p>The Committee to confirm its Work Programme 2021/2022 for presentation to the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group for approval.</p>
10.	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>The following item contains exempt information as defined in the following paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> <p>Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.</p> <p>Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”</p>
11.	<p>Transformation Projects (Pages 69 - 98)</p> <p>The Committee to receive an exempt presentation on Transformation Projects, the definition of Transformation Projects, total spending, and savings.</p>

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
5 November 2021

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members:

Councillor Danielle Stone (Chair)

Councillor Sally Beardsworth

Councillor Paul Clark

Councillor Rupert Frost

Councillor Mark Hughes

Councillor Koulla Jolley

Councillor Colin Morgan

Councillor Azizur Rahman

Councillor Walter Tarasiewicz

Councillor Andrew Grant (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Michael Brown

Councillor Maggie Clubley

Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere

Councillor David James

Councillor Ian McCord

Councillor Ken Pritchard

Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

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Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in The Council Chamber, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 6.00 pm.

- Present: Councillor Danielle Stone (Chair)
 Councillor Sam Rumens (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Azizur Rahman
 Councillor Paul Clark
 Councillor Andrew Grant
 Councillor Mark Hughes
 Councillor David James
 Councillor Koulla Jolley
 Councillor Colin Morgan
 Councillor Ken Pritchard
- Substitute Members: Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere (For Councillor Terrie Eales)
 Councillor Jamal Alwahabi (For Councillor Walter Tarasiewicz)
- Also Present: Councillor Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
 Councillor Malcolm Longley, Cabinet Member for Finance
- Apologies for Absence: Councillor Terrie Eales
 Councillor Rupert Frost
 Councillor Dennis Meredith
 Councillor Walter Tarasiewicz
- Officers: Martin Henry, Executive Director - Finance (Section 151 Officer)
 Cathi Hadley, Executive Director - Children's Services
 Sarah Reed, Executive Director - Corporate Services
 James Smith, Assistant Director - Finance (Strategy)
 Gus De Silva, Head of Procurement
 Maisie McInnes, Democratic Services Officer
 Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager

8. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

9. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements from the Chair.

11. **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

12. **Contract Management and Procurement**

At the Chair's invitation Gus de Silva, the Head of Procurement introduced himself and delivered the contract management and procurement update presentation to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Gus de Silva also highlighted social value within contract management and procurement.

The Head of Procurement concluded his presentation and invited the committee to ask any questions. Members asked for clarification on the role of procurement and commented on their work with regional and national groups. The Head of Procurement confirmed that the role of procurement was to ensure the Council follows compliance, and achieves best value when procuring goods and services, and the team were involved with regional groups in the East Midlands and national groups for networking and to gain information on procurement matters.

Members felt that the climate emergency needed to take precedence in decision-making surrounding procurement. The Executive Director of Finance confirmed that an overall strategy for procurement was being worked on and the procurement process for all new tenders would consider their environmental impact.

Members asked for an estimated number of contracts the Council currently held and if there were plans in place for these to be rationalised with larger contracts managing more goods and services within the Council to create fewer overall contracts. The Head of Procurement confirmed the Council had 890 contracts at present, which was higher compared to other Councils, and it was planned that a future exercise would be taking place within procurement to investigate the Council's current contracts as there may be some duplicated contracts following the merge to Unitary.

The Chair thanked the Head of Procurement for his presentation.

Resolved

- (1) That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the presentation which would form background evidence gathering for its review on Social Value.

13. Social Values Act 2013

At the Chair's invitation, the Head of Procurement and the Executive Director of Corporate Services delivered the presentation on Maximising Social Value Opportunities to the Committee. The Executive Director of Corporate Services emphasised the importance of social value and how the Council could positively affect communities by considering socio-economic and environmental factors when planning and implementing decisions and processes. The Executive Director of Corporate Services also highlighted the notion of 'community wealth building', creating resilience in local communities by putting local people first and regenerating areas and creating employment opportunities and more.

Members discussed the concept of social value and debated how the wider economic, social and environmental impact of the Council's decision-making and work processes could be measured into tangible data evidence that could be analysed and reflect progress. Members also contemplated how social value could be embedded in the culture of West Northamptonshire Council and how social value could be monitored.

The Chair thanked the Head of Procurement and the Executive Director of Corporate Services for their presentation and for highlighting a really important area of work for the Council. The Chair felt the social value approach invited collaborative working and this was encouraging for local communities. The Chair confirmed that this presentation provided initial background information on the Social Values Act which provided information to inform the scrutiny work on social value.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the presentation that formed part of the evidence gathering for its scrutiny review – social value.
- (2) That further information regarding social value would be presented to the Committee in approximately three months' time in order for the Committee to continue with its scrutiny activity of Social Values.

14. The Children's Trust Budget

At the Chair's invitation, the Assistance Director of Finance delivered the presentation on the Establishment of the Children's Trust to the Committee.

Members discussed the presentation and felt that a presentation on the topic of children receiving care in Northamptonshire would be beneficial for the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director of Finance for his presentation and asked if the full budget could be presented at a future meeting and if this could be benchmarked so that members could see the position of the Children's Trust compared to other organisations. The Chair also invited the Director of the Children's

Trust to a future meeting to present their business plan for the Trust to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved:

- (1) That the presentation be noted.
- (2) That the Business Plan for the Children's Trust be considered by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting to be determined.

15. **Q1 Revenue Monitoring Report 2021-22**

At the Chair's invitation, the Executive Director of Finance presented the report and explained that the budget had been presented to Cabinet on 14 September 2021. The report was the Council's first public financial report since the move to Unitary and potential changes to the report were to be expected.

The Executive Director of Finance presented the report and highlighted the salient points:

- Table 1 on page 11 outlined the forecast outturn for 2021-2022 by directorate and set out the service pressures for each respective area
- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) new build programme demonstrated a balanced budget position as reflected on page 12
- In section 6 of the report in table 3, the financial status of the legacy authorities was outlined showing the carried forward balances and actual expenditure and income for 2020-21 prior to being audited.
- Following on from the financial status, table 14 on page 14 reflected the general fund balance and level of reserves for the authority with a grand total of £170m earmarked reserves.
- Section 7 of the report contained a narrative on the financial position on each directorate within the Council
- Section 8 of the report contained a Covid-19 summary with the financial pressures associated with delivering services during the pandemic outlined in table 6
- Finally, table 7 highlighted the Council's savings proposals by directorate for 2021-22.

Members discussed the report and asked questions on the red savings variant contained in the report. The Executive Director of Finance responded that the red rating demonstrated those projected savings which may be undeliverable and in this case the Council would write these savings off and source other areas where savings could be made across the Council. He explained that procurement was currently looking at the contract register where potential savings could be made.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the Quarter 1 Revenue Monitoring Report for 2021-22 and would continue to provide scrutiny input into regular Revenue Monitoring Reports at future meetings.

16. **Work Programming Event**

The Deputy Democratic Services Manager confirmed the date of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Event that would take place at the Guildhall in Northampton on 14 October 2021 at 6pm. She summarised that the Cabinet members were invited to the event to inform the Committee of their current priorities working in the Council which could help inform the work that Scrutiny wished to undertake this year.

The Deputy Democratic Services Manager informed the Committee that a survey had been circulated inviting the wider public to engage with the Council and make suggestions on areas that Scrutiny could impact. A press release advertising the survey would also be issued, and the survey would be disseminated in the various Council buildings and shared on social media. The survey had currently received 30 responses so far with comments that would be taken forward to the work programme event.

Resolved:

- (1) That it be agreed to hold a Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programming Event on Thursday 14 October 2021 at 6pm, Guildhall, Northampton.

17. **Short Term Work Programme 2021/2022**

The Deputy Democratic Services Manager highlighted the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021-2022 and explained that as members felt that additional meetings would be required for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee following on from the earlier presentations, the work programme would be amended to reflect these extra meetings. The work programme event scheduled for the 14 October 2021 would also inform the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny work programme as the Committee decided which areas it wished to investigate.

The Deputy Democratic Manager confirmed that the next Corporate Overview and Scrutiny meeting would discuss the following topics: school budgets, transformation and performance scrutiny and the meeting would take place at the South Northants area office on 8 November 2021.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the work programme and the date of the next meeting on 8 November 2021 at the South Northants area office.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____



Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee 15 November 2021

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

- Ringfenced grant allocated to the LA by the Government to support a range of education related services
- > 90% of the DSG is allocated to the LA and paid out to educational settings based on a funding formula funding:
 - Direct education provision including academies and LA maintained schools
 - Early years providers
 - High needs education
- Spend only permitted in line with tight regulatory framework:
 - The Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations
 - Children Act 2004
 - Children and Families Act 2014
 - School Standards and Framework Act 1998

DSG four block funding model

Schools block

High Needs block

Early Years block

Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)

- Each block covers different elements of education funding with the respective funding allocations based on different underlying formulae and data sets
- The total DSG the LA receives is largely based on all schools' pupil and children numbers are per census data for West Northamptonshire
- Each block is allocated to the LA but on a different basis
- Due to the majority of DSG funding being formula driven to arrive at the authority's funding allocation, disaggregation has replicated the national formulae used by the DFE for each North and West unitary
- This work was completed working closely alongside the ESFA
- The overall DSG split for WNC equates to approximately 55% of the former NCC allocation

Schools Block

- Allocated to schools for day to day spending in their individual school budgets through national funding formula (NFF) termed delegated budgets
- LAs use local funding formulae to calculate budget shares for schools to mirror NFF as far as its affordable as agreed by schools forum
- De-delegations – funding passed back from schools delegated budgets to be held centrally to fund schools improvement, trade union facilities and maintained school redundancies as decided by schools forum
- Growth fund for new and growing schools as decided by schools forum
- Submitted to the ESFA in January – current consultation ongoing ending 30 November with voting on the LA proposals in December Schools Forum
- Individual budget shares issued to schools at the end of February
- The LAs DSG grant is reduced in respect of academies, who are independent of the LA and receive their funding directly from the ESFA who they are directly accountable to. This is termed recoupment.

High Needs Block

- Covers funding or the education of pupils subject to Education, Health and Care Plans from age 0-25 in a range of provision including special schools, mainstream schools, alternative provision, independent specialist provision
- Place funding which is £15.5m is £6k or £10k per place
- Top up funding which is £36.9m is agreed locally and follows pupils based on their needs and characteristics
- Funding is calculated on the basis of a national funding formula
- Services include;
 - Sensory impairment service – speech and language therapy, equipment for visually and hearing impaired, specialist teachers
 - Specialist support services – £2m (£1.5m DSG and £0.5M general fund)
 - Education inclusion service – £0.5m (£324k DSG and £167k general fund)

Early Years Block

- Funds all early years settings for 2, 3 and 4 year olds with a statutory minimum of 95% allocated to providers
- Funding allocated via the early years national funding formula broadly £4.49 per hour for 3&4 year olds and £5.41 per hour for 2 year olds for WNC.
- Free entitlement is paid to nursery providers at a base rate of £4.05 per hour for 3&4 year olds plus deprivation at £0.28 per hour where appropriate and £5.23 per hour for 2 year olds.
- Up to 5% of the 3&4 year old funding can be used to fund LA central functions to manage and administer early years arrangements, subject to annual schools forum approval for use
- Other early years funding for 3 and 4 year olds includes:
 - Early years pupil premium to support disadvantaged children
 - Disability access fund to support disabled children's access to free entitlement
 - Supplementary funding for maintained nursery schools

Central Schools Services Block

- Funds statutory services for maintained schools and academies for the following:

Historical commitments	Ongoing responsibilities
Combined services (includes schools standards and effectiveness, parenting support co-ordinators, moderation, inclusion for example)	Admissions
	Schools forum
	National copyright licenses
PFI	Ex ESG retained LA duties for all schools
Historical teacher's pensions pre-2013	Teacher's pay and pension grant

- Central Government are reducing the historical element of the funding by 20% per annum (c£0.5m) which results in the LA general fund inheriting these costs

DSG 2021/22 budget and forecast outturn

	Gross Expenditure	Recoupment	Net Expenditure	Forecast Net Spend	Variance
Schools block	300.2	-235.7	64.5	64.5	0
High Needs Block	55.5	-15.5	40.0	42.4	2.4
Early Years block	25.9	0	25.9	25.9	0
CSSB	4.6	0	4.6	4.6	0
Total	386.4	-251.2	135.0	137.4	2.4

- WNC is not currently predicting an overall deficit on the DSG as the PFI reserve on the Wooldale Scheme is greater than the forecast £2.4m overspend
- WNC is putting into place a medium term high needs financial recovery plan

DSG Provisional Settlement 2022/23

- The Secretary of State for Education announced provisional funding allocations for 2022-23 through the schools, high needs and central school services national funding formulae (NFF) on Monday 19 July 2021
- The final allocation will be published in December 2021

	Schools Block £m	High Needs Block £m	CSSB £m	Total £m
2021/22	301.0	54.2	4.7	359.9
Provisional 2022/23	309.8	58.5	4.3	372.6
Increase / (decrease)	8.8	4.3	(0.4)	12.7
% Increase / % (decrease)	2.9%	7.9%	(8.5%)	3.5%

- Teaching and non-teaching staff pay inflation and increase in demand for specialist places will consume additional growth
- Early Years announcement for 2020-21 final funding is expected to be announced in November

Key Headlines

- 2022-23 is the final year of the three-year school funding settlement that the Secretary of State for Education announced to Parliament on 3 September 2019. Core school funding increased by £2.6bn in 2020-21, and is increasing by £4.8bn and £7.1bn in 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively, compared to 2019-20
- Funding through the schools NFF is increasing by 3.2% overall in 2022-23, and by 2.8% per pupil. The NFF will distribute this funding based on schools' and pupils' needs and characteristics
- The minimum per pupil funding levels will increase by 2%, compared to 2021-22. This will mean that, next year, every primary school will receive at least £4,265 per pupil, and every secondary school at least £5,525 per pupil.
- The provisional increase in the High Needs Block represents the authority's share of the £780 million national increase for 2022-23
- WNC's High Needs Block is increasing by £4.3 million from 2021-22 which is the minimum guaranteed increase per head of population (8%) with some authorities seeing gains of up to 11%

Autumn budget and Spending Review 2021

- An increase has been confirmed on the Core Schools Budget of £4.7bn over the SR period, which is equivalent to a cash increase of £1,500 per pupil compared with 2019/20 amount
- In addition, £2.6bn over the SR period was announced for SEND, which is intended to provide 30,000 additional places
- The COVID recovery funding has been extended, with an additional £1.8bn. Of this, £1bn will be provided to schools over the next two academic years, with £145 per pupil in primaries, and more for secondary schools
- The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is being extended, with £200m per year to continue the programme which was introduced during the pandemic

School Numbers

School Type	Academy	Maintained	Children/ Pupil Numbers	Total Budget Share 2021/22 £000
Nursery **	0	5	13,000	1,790
Primary	83	65	34,274	141,764
Secondary	17	0	17,807	104,358
All through	5	0	6,882	37,406
Special	5	3	2,041	43,054
Alternative Provision*	3	0	Variable ~300	4,156
UTC	1	0	251	1,551
TOTAL	114	73	74,555	334,079

*including hospital and outreach, AP numbers vary through the year.

** Funded from early years block, children are shown as part time equivalents 1PTE =570 hours per annum for 3 and 4 year olds, not including extended hours

WNC School Balances

- Individual school balances as at 31 March 2021 total £9.89m across 73 maintained schools comprising 5 nursery, 65 primary, 0 secondary and 3 special schools.
- Of this £4.48m is uncommitted and £4.50m is committed
- School deficits occur due to a number of factors e.g. falling pupil numbers
- 4 number of schools in WNC were in deficit at the end of 2020-21 comprising a total deficit value of £0.18m
- The number of schools in WNC (formerly NCC) with deficits has remained the same but the value has increased by £0.10m since the end of 2019-20.

Other grant funding

Pupil Premium (DFE) c£13.1m

Disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to reach potential

- Current and post looked after children (provided to Virtual School headteacher)

Other grants c£7.1m

- Provided by government to meet policy objectives, often for a set period after which either funding ceases or is mainstreamed into funding allocations
- Includes PE and Sports Premium, extension of the role of the Virtual School headteacher for example

Schools Forum

Membership

- Representatives from maintained and academy schools (make up at least two thirds of the membership)
- School members will be head teachers (or their representative) and governors
- Other representatives from early years, 16-19 and the diocese

Governance

- Minimum of 4 (public) meetings per year
- Guidance set out in [Schools Forum operational and good practice guide](#)
- Consultative role but in some situations has [decision making powers](#)
- DFE role to adjudicate if required and check for compliance with regulations

Schools Forum Powers and Responsibilities

The LA will generally propose, decide or consult on the following:

Function	Schools Forum Role
Formula change	Must be consulted and inform governing bodies
Movement of up to 0.5% from the schools block to other blocks	Decides
Contracts	Gives a view and informs governing bodies of consultations
High Needs and Early Years financial issues	Gives a view and informs governing bodies of consultations
Minimum funding guarantee (MFG)	Gives a view
De-delegation	Decide for their phase
Central spend	Decides
Scheme of financial management changes	Schools members only - approves

Questions?

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WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 NOVEMBER 2021

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List of Appendices

Appendix A – Carried Motions on notice from the predecessor councils of West Northamptonshire area

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides details of the carried motions on notice from the predecessor councils of the West Northamptonshire area for the previous six years. Details of which are attached at Appendix A.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 At the meeting of full Council held on 15 July 2021, the following motion on notice was carried:

“This council recognises:

The importance of motions passed within the previous four authorities in the West Northamptonshire catchment area.

That it is crucial to ensure any democratic decisions are retained and flow through into the present day thinking of WNC.

That adopting an exercise to preserve the above will not only efficiently capture all approved motions into one report, it also will reaffirm the importance of local democratic decision making.

This council resolves:

- *To instruct the Democracy & Standards Committee to collate any motions passed in the last six years within the previous authorities.*
- *That once collated, these motions will be forwarded to the relevant Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on.*
- *That once this process is completed, a report containing all legacy matters will be brought to the earliest possible full council, with the target of December 2021's meeting. The report will lay out all motions which should be voted on individually for acceptance or any minor modifications. Such changes must not seek to alter the fundamental principles previously passed."*

2.2 Therefore attached at Appendix A are the collated carried motions on notice from the predecessor councils:

Daventry District Council
Northampton Borough Council
Northamptonshire County Council
South Northamptonshire Council

2.3 At its meeting on 30 September 2021, the Democracy and Standards Committee was presented with the collated motions on notice passed in the last six years by the predecessor authorities. The Committee resolved as follows:

- a) It Noted the carried motions from the previous six years from the predecessor councils: Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and South Northamptonshire Council.
- b) The collated motions should be forwarded, as attached at Appendix A, to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees for comment.
- c) It was recommended that the Council publishes motion updates annually on its website in future, to provide members of the public and councillors with the facility to access motions that have been passed at Council meetings, without having to go through the minutes of each meeting.

3. Recommendations

3.1.1 It is recommended that Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the carried motions relevant to its remit, provides comment and considers whether to add details to its Work Programme 2021/2022, or otherwise allocate them to relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees.

3.2 **Reason for Recommendations**

3.2.1 The recommendations are a result of the carried motion on notice as detailed in paragraph 2.1.

4. Report Background

4.1 As detailed in paragraph 2.1 above, at the meeting of full Council held on 15 July 2021, the following notice of motion was carried:

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4.2 Officers have undertaken an information gathering exercise to collate the carried motions passed since June 2015 and categorised the various motions into subject matter areas in Appendix A.

4.3 Other local authorities have published motion updates annually on their websites, which provide members of the public (and councillors) with the facility to access motions that have been passed at Council meetings, without having to go through the minutes of each meeting. The date of the Council meeting at which the motion was considered is recorded, along with the motion and the responsible officers, in addition to an anticipated timeframe for the motion to be completed.

5. Issues and Choices

5.1. Members are asked to note the update on carried motions and consider providing comment on the carried motion relevant to the remit of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

6.1.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the proposals.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Council has a responsibility to debate and act upon carried motions on notice submitted to meetings of full Council.

6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are none specifically.

6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 Not applicable.

6.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

6.5. Each of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees will consider the carried motions of the four predecessor Councils and provide comment.

6.6 Climate Impact

6.6.1 There are no immediate climate implications arising from this report.

6.7 Community Impact

6.7.1 There are no immediate community implications arising from this report.

7 Background Papers

Full Council agenda and minutes - 15 July 2021

Democracy and Standards Committee – agenda and minutes - 30 September 2021

Overview and Scrutiny

Carried motions on notice from predecessor councils

The West Northamptonshire Council meeting on 15th July 2021 agreed the following motion:

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A summary of the motions collated by the Democracy and Standards Committee is set out below. Please note that the summary shows the topics of the motions, not the exact wording in each case, in order to keep this document to a manageable length. The summary divides up motions by subject area, whilst also seeking to identify those motions that seem to require no further action now.

The motions have been coded



Carried motion closed/ no longer felt required



Outside the remit of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Still valid and within the remit of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Highways and planning

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue dialogue with NCC, Local Enterprise Partnerships, national government bodies and developers, with the intention of providing funding to enable bringing forward an early start and completion of a relief road for Towcester.	22/07/2015	SNC
To encourage developments in which NBC is directly involved to consider having accessible toilets that meet the standards set by the “Changing Places” campaign.	02/11/2015	NBC
To strongly object to any further development to the south and south east of Northampton due to the impact it will have on local services, the lack of road infrastructure improvements and the impact on the A45 and local road network without adequate mitigation. To express concern at sites in East Wootton and South East Northampton being out forward for development in SNC’s Local Plan. To call on SNC to take account of views from Natural England and other wildlife organisations in developing its Local Plan.	13/03/2017	NBC
To recognise serious traffic issues in Kingsthorpe, which make building the North West Relief road and the Northern Orbital road an urgent matter. To agree that the aim should be to have as small a delay as possible between the openings of these two roads.	16/03/2017	NCC
To agree to work closely with developers, academies and trusts to make sure, where possible, schools that are being built in the county don’t build-in the traffic problems that are such a feature of many existing schools. To promote some of the excellent best practice examples already established in many schools across the county to help alleviate issues around drop off time in both existing and new schools.	16/03/2017	NCC
To require that all further development sites, not currently included within the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, but attributed to the growth of Northampton, are concentrated in the vicinity of the proposed Northern Orbital Road so that they can contribute to the delivery of this much needed infrastructure and secure its early delivery.	10/07/2017	NBC
To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government seeking the amendment to permitted development rights relating to agricultural buildings under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (As amended) to reduce the risk of abuse relating to the conversion of modern buildings.	27/07/2017	DDC

To resolve to progress the delivery of a mix of housing alongside retail, hotel, leisure, and coach facilities on the Greyfriars site, working with NCC to improve highway infrastructure around and through the site.	11/12/2017	NBC
To commit to proposing, through the Local Plan process, a policy that there will be no new fast food outlets that fall within a 400 metre radius of schools. To consider creating a healthy food award for local retailers to encourage healthier food choices.	04/06/2018	NBC
To write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask for an urgent review of the National Policy Statement for National Networks, and all other associated policy guidance, to ensure that Strategic Rail Freight Interchange capacity is deployed as a national network across the country rather than being built in areas where developers have pre-existing land options.	10/09/2018	NBC
To agree to set up a cross party working group, working with a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties to produce a "People's Plan for Northampton" relating to town centre regeneration, to enable the new Unitary Council to prioritise projects in its first year. To request that the working group produces its report by September 2019.	05/11/2018	NBC
To call on the Administration to ask the new consultant appointed to produce a development plan for the former Greyfriars bus station site to draw up options for the site to be brought into a temporary use as a matter of urgency for the public's benefit, without detriment to a long term permanent development.	05/11/2018	NBC
To continue and increase SNC's effort to ensure planning permission for the Towcester 'relief road' meets Highways England's standard for adoption and lobby government to ensure Towcester gets an adopted bypass, and lobby government to have the A5 de-trunked through the town at the earliest possible date.	27/02/2019	SNC
To request that consideration is given to all open spaces with play equipment supplied and maintained by NBC being classified as Parks and Gardens and not as Amenity Green Spaces in Part 2 of the Council's draft Local Plan.	22/07/2019	NBC
To confirm NBC's position requiring that the Northern Orbital Road be developed and delivered as a matter of urgency to support the North West Relief Road, and that this be communicated to NCC.	20/07/2020	NBC
To write to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning and to local MPs expressing concerns at the effect of proposals in the 'Planning for the Future' white paper.	14/09/2020	NBC

To write to Government expressing concern at their proposal for deregulation of the planning system. To call on NBC to ensure that where housing is developed on commercial sites under the new regulations, that 35% of the housing is affordable and all is the best possible quality.	14/09/2020	NBC
To agree that a full response be made to the 'Planning for the Future' white paper consultation outlining specifically the negative impact that these revisions will have on local involvement / engagement in planning matters. To write to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning and to our local Member of Parliament expressing our concerns in line with the agreed response set out above.	08/10/2020	DDC
To agree that officers continue discussions with NCC Highways with the aim of securing a commitment to the erection of a safety rail, or to the provision of an alternative means of improving the safety of pedestrians, on the footpath alongside the section of the A361 below the dam of Drayton Reservoir before the transfer of responsibilities to the new West Northants Council.	18/02/2021	DDC

Environment

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree to implement any recommendations from the current Scrutiny Review concerning Air Quality in The Drapery. To note that the Administration is working with partners to address the abuse by motorists of the Traffic Regulation Orders applying to The Drapery, and are pursuing other measures to enable improved vehicle flows.	24/04/2017	NBC
To write to the Forestry Commission and the Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to advise them of the dissatisfaction of the council at the closure of the Tree Top Walk at Salcey Forest. To call on the Forestry Commission to bring the walk back into service without delay. To inform them that the council has a grants programme and providing details as to how they could apply for grant help toward the necessary repairs.	18/07/2018	SNC
To resolve to introduce a legally binding contract with commercial hirers of public open spaces to ensure the full restoration of the site and land impacted upon by the event, at the expense of the hirer, requiring a deposit to cover the likely cost of this work should it be deemed necessary. To liaise through park management committees regarding events in individual parks.	05/11/2018	NBC

To establish a Scrutiny and Improvement task panel to investigate whether DDC is doing all that it can to minimise its impact upon the environment and examine how DDC, through its actions, can provide leadership to local communities in seeking ways of reducing harmful emissions.	15/05/2019	DDC
To agree to declare a Climate Emergency in Northampton and commit to making it carbon neutral by 2030. To request a report at the start of 2020 setting out action taken and how the aim has been included in the start-up plans for West Northamptonshire Council.	03/06/2019	NBC
To declare a Climate Emergency in Northamptonshire and commit to a target of making Northamptonshire carbon neutral by 2030. This Council further commits to work with partners to deliver that goal. This Council calls upon its successor councils to continue this work once they come into existence.	20/06/2019	NCC
To call on NBC to work with public transport operators, NCC and the government to improve air quality by taking specified actions to reduce the use of diesel powered buses and coaches in the area, reduce cars idling, and establish car-free zones around schools where possible.	22/07/2019	NBC
To establish a scrutiny working group to assess the existing carbon footprint of the district and review potential actions and associated cost estimates this Council could take to limit the effects of climate change in South Northamptonshire. To call upon its successor West Northamptonshire Council to continue this work once it comes in existence.	24/07/2019	SNC
To commit to searching for best ways to encourage and work with local organisations, residents and businesses across the borough to see how they can make a difference to the environment through all relevant technologies, including options to switch to green energy companies.	16/09/2019	NBC
To call for a transformation of underused urban spaces across Northampton. To develop a tree planting strategy that will replace the number of trees that are being felled or have died. To increase the number of trees in the town to create a cleaner, greener Northampton.	16/09/2019	NBC NB: Tree Policy and Strategy T&F Group set up

To call upon the administration to publish “provisional adjusted Air Quality Readings” as soon as adjustments have been applied by NBC Environmental Health Department and to take action to address any areas of concern.	16/09/2019	NBC
To call for a transformation of underused urban spaces across our county, to be planted with new trees to help the future generations enjoy what many of us have taken for granted. To request the initial work to form a joint plan for wider scale reinstatement of street trees as part of the move to Unitary.	19/09/2019	NCC NB: Tree Policy and Strategy T&F Group set up
To call on NBC to develop an up to date Tree Policy.	02/11/2020	NBC NB: Tree Policy and Strategy T&F Group set up

Recycling and waste

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To investigate and recommend innovative models for the recycling of cans and bottles that can be available in locations across the borough. The model recommended should educate, entertain and encourage the process of recycling.	12/03/2018	NBC

To agree to take specified actions to enable Northampton to lead an eco-friendly Britain relating to plastic waste and recycling, environmental education, a reward scheme to encourage recycling, and use of the planning process to encourage developers to consider low carbon developments.	03/06/2019	NBC
To pledge to continue playing a leading role in participating in and promoting the Refill Scheme in the district by supplying free tap water to visitors to the Forum building and being actively involved in encouraging local businesses to participate in the scheme including advertising the fact. This will be achieved through visits by its Environmental Health team and by talking to business groups and publicity.	24/07/2019	SNC

Transport

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To pledge to protect the interests of residents and communities with regard to Rail Central, and allocate a sum of £100,000 from unallocated reserves to be used for the preparation of reports, technical assessments, expert evidence, legal and professional fees to support the Council's position in safeguarding our residents and communities. To call upon the developer to urgently establish a fund to provide blight compensation for those residents affected by this proposal now, along similar lines to that which has been agreed for HS2.	13/04/2016	SNC
To carry out consultation with coach users and operators, taxi providers and the general public to ensure that coach facilities on offer in Northampton in the future are a credit to our town.	13/03/2017	NBC
To reaffirm the Council's opposition to HS2 and ask the Interim Chief Executive and Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that he conducts an urgent cost review of HS2 to assess if this remains both financially viable and value for money.	31/10/2018	SNC
To agree to work with companies seeking to deploy charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles and to work with NCC as the Highways Authority to aim to increase the amount of Rapid Charging Points available to the general public in Northampton.	22/07/2019	NBC

Community safety

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue a review of sprinkler systems in 10 Northampton Partnership Homes buildings. To undertake an urgent review of the planning policy with regard to residential developments and provisions for sprinkler systems in all new residential buildings of 5 storeys or above. To review the possible need for two separate stair cases to exit tower blocks. To ask NPH to provide tenants of tower blocks with fire safety training.	10/07/2017	NBC
To resolve to call on the police to make use of all available powers to remove any illegal encampments from our parks and open spaces, bearing in mind the legal duties placed on NBC to assess the welfare needs of relevant groups. To resolve to investigate further legal opportunities to prevent / deter illegal encampments. To continue to work with the Countywide Traveller Unit and the police to increase the efficiency of the eviction process whilst continuing to abide by all legal requirements.	18/09/2017	NBC
To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	18/10/2017	SNC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	06/11/2017	NBC
To look forward to working with NBC's new environmental services contractor. To call on NBC's enforcement provider to continue to strenuously enforce legislation with regard to littering and fly-tipping, especially through using fixed penalty notices for those people who litter our streets. To commit that NBC will provide continued support to community groups and projects that help to provide clean, well-maintained, safe open spaces.	12/03/2018	NBC
To commit to take specified actions to build a good understanding of crime and anti-social behaviour in Northampton; to support the Northampton Community Safety Partnership and its community safety strategy; and support the government in delivering the new Serious Violence Strategy.	23/04/2018	NBC
To call on the public to help tackle the increasing problem of 'cuckooing' by looking for signs that their neighbours and friends are being abused.	23/04/2018	NBC

To agree to take specified actions supporting effective removal and prevention of graffiti in the borough.	10/09/2018	NBC
To acknowledge the importance of combating anti-Semitism in all its forms and welcome cross-party support for this within the Council. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	20/09/2018	NCC
To re-state NBC's condemnation of all forms of racism. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism as the basis for confronting and challenging incidents of this form of racism. To ask the Executive to look to adopt similarly agreed definitions to confront and challenge all forms of racism and discrimination that exist within society.	05/11/2018	NBC
To request that public fireworks displays in the authority be advertised in advance to enable residents to take precautions to protect vulnerable people and animals. To promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on vulnerable people and on animal welfare.	20/01/2020	NBC
To set up a multi-agency team to take specified actions to counter fly tipping and illegal rubbish dumping, track down perpetrators and ensure the appropriate action is taken.	20/07/2020	NBC

Health, wellbeing and social care

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree to take specified actions to prevent Female Genital Mutilation and to support people affected by it.	21/09/2015	NBC
To ask the relevant scrutiny committee to conduct a review (seeking input from colleagues in the Borough / District Councils) with a view to improving the overall length of waiting times experienced for adaptation services in Northamptonshire.	26/11/2015	NCC
To agree to request, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, central government to develop and initiate a national integrated health and care strategy, as a matter of urgency, removing the obstacles in the path of those moving from the NHS to community-based care through putting in place an effective and equitable funding regime.	08/10/2016	NCC
To write to the Secretary of State for Health and our local MP urging that when the Government reviews funding to community pharmacies, the number of these pharmacies across South Northamptonshire	19/10/2016	SNC

should be retained in full, as they provide a vital service to rural communities, which would be disproportionately penalised by any reduction.		
To recognise the value of community pharmacies as an important primary healthcare service and the role they play in our local community. To explore the potential implications in our county of government aims regarding the re-modelling of community pharmacies through the appropriate scrutiny committee. To consider the appropriate action as a result including any communication with Northamptonshire MPs.	24/11/2016	NCC
To agree that NCC will work with voluntary sector organisations like the Lowdown to ensure their services are sustainable and that there is capacity in the county to meet the mental health needs of our children.	24/11/2016	NCC
To agree to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter and thereby support achieving quality of life, dignity and respect for people with MND and their carers.	10/07/2017	NBC
To recognise the importance of the Keep Safe Scheme that supports people with learning disabilities to keep safe and get help in an emergency when out. To provide training on the Scheme to all new staff at the one stop shop during their induction.	18/09/2017	NBC
To write to local MPs urging them to persuade the Government to reduce the stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to the lower end of the proposed spectrum, preferably £2.	06/11/2017	NBC
To support mental health awareness and the Government's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. To agree that NBC will further promote a prevention-focused approach to improving the public's mental health, including supporting community based initiatives, for example, community choirs and health walks, which make a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society.	09/07/2018	NBC
To ask scrutiny, working with NCC scrutiny and partners, to carry out investigation into Adult Social Care facilities in the area to identify future demand patterns, in order that the new Unitary Council is able to better plan for the needs of older people in the future.	09/07/2018	NBC
To express NBC's strong support for the recommendations in the Creative Health report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts about how engaging in the arts can bring benefits to health and wellbeing. To note the specific recommendation encouraging all local authorities to designate an individual to take cross-sector responsibility for arts, health and wellbeing.	05/11/2018	NBC

To call upon NBC to produce a Sports Strategy for the people of Northampton that draws on the Sports Strategy for West Northamptonshire of 2009. The Strategy should review current facilities, identify gaps, and reflect current user preferences and requirements.	11/03/2019	NBC
To set up a cross-party working group to develop an anti-poverty strategy for NBC that will also be offered to the new unitary authority.	22/07/2019	NBC
To liaise with NCC to see what provision will be provided in Daventry town for residents of the Evelyn Wright care home following its projected closure.	05/12/2019	DDC
To support 'The lives we want to lead' – the LGA green paper for adult social care and asks our local MPs and the Government to engage with the Adult Social Care, All Party Parliamentary Group to achieve a non-party sustainable long term answer to the future provision of Adult Social Care.	02/11/2020	NBC

Housing

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree that NBC will continue to work together to develop a proposal to finance and build new social housing locally. The proposal will be submitted to government for their support and approval.	18/09/2017	NBC
To review current policy regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation to assess the extent and impact of HMOs on existing communities, including reviewing the concentration of Class C4 (Houses In Multiple occupation), and mixed C3/C4 use or sui generis Houses in Multiple Occupation use (more than six people sharing) uses within the 50m radius.	18/09/2017	NBC
To commit to a robust, coordinated, intelligence-led response to breaches of legislation by landlords and tenants in the private rented housing sector and calls on the police and other agencies to do everything in their power to help support NBC in this.	22/01/2018	NBC
To commit to take specified actions to address rough sleeping and hidden homelessness in the borough.	23/04/2018	NBC
To support residents and parish councils in resolving concerns arising from management companies being responsible for open spaces and amenities. To encourage developers to consider all the alternatives available for managing the facilities on new developments in the borough and Northampton	10/09/2018	NBC

growth area, including seeking for developments to be adopted with sufficient resources to ensure that the maintenance of land is fully funded.		
To agree to take specified actions to reduce the risk from housing developments that established management companies to manage open spaces and amenities below the standard for adoption and with no democratic oversight or accountability.	11/03/2019	NBC
To recognise that there are significant concerns regarding the establishment of Managed Agencies on new developments. To urge our MPs raise this matter with the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government to work towards regulating Managed Agencies.	21/03/2019	NCC
To call on NBC to develop an ambitious long-term sustainable housing plan that reflects best practice in the field.	04/11/2019	NBC
To recognise the importance of work to progress the Homelessness Rough Sleeping Action Plan 2020. To write to West Northamptonshire MPs to ensure that the government continues to fund this work.	09/03/2020	NBC

Communities

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree to carry out further work to maximise the number of local residents registered to vote and the accessibility of polling stations.	08/06/2015	NBC
To write to all local supermarkets to ensure they are part of the Trolleywise scheme. To ask the relevant Cabinet member to consider how best the Trolleywise scheme can be promoted to the public.	02/11/2015	NBC
To recognise the importance of tidy neighbourhoods. To agree that NBC will challenge residents under their tenancy agreement if problems arise relating to keeping gardens and landscaping tidy and free of rubbish.	19/09/2016	NBC
To work with NCC and other local organisations to review capacity to provide support on a regular basis to refugees from Syria, whilst taking account of issues such as pressure on housing and school places.	19/09/2016	NBC

To agree to work with Northamptonshire Credit Union to create locality access for residents who cannot afford to travel to the Guildhall. To agree to promote the Credit Union in NBC literature when and wherever it is appropriate to do so.	07/11/2016	NBC
To adopt a new policy that play equipment will be repaired and replaced, as opposed to being removed, when damaged and to formalize a budget for this as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process. To continue NBC's work with Parish Councils, Residents Associations and Friends of Parks Groups to continue to identify funding for potential new schemes to bring additional play equipment to local areas.	12/12/2016	NBC
To recognise the impact of special expenses on parished areas of Northampton. To note that NBC is working with parishes to enable them to take on the freehold of premises and open spaces within their areas. To note that NBC is also reviewing the designation of our parks and open spaces in order to ensure that in parish areas special expenses apply appropriately.	18/09/2017	NBC
To resolve to investigate whether NBC ought to use legal powers available to it to more effectively tackle the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys by charging supermarkets a fee for each trolley collected by NBC. To note that further work will be carried to enable the Executive to take a decision on this matter.	05/11/2018	NBC
To recognise the contribution to Northampton made by the Voluntary Sector and to agree: to include the VCS in NBC's forward plans; to ensure robust partnerships are in place for the new unitary authority; to work with partners to provide the VCS with sound funding and business advice and to develop support services.	17/06/2019	NBC
To call for improved access, experiences and outcomes of local government and integrated care services by BAME communities. To call for the accelerated development of culturally-competent occupational risk assessment tools that can be employed in a variety of occupational settings to identify and reduce the risk of exposure to and acquisition of COVID19, especially for keyworkers working with a large cross-section of the general public or in contact with those infected with COVID-19. To promote racial equality and encourage successor councils to combat racial prejudice, racism - including islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and white supremacist ideologies and behaviours.	18/02/2021	NCC

To encourage successor councils to adopt new policies to advance racial equality – with SMART action plans to address any racial inequalities which exist across all service areas and to incorporate strategic funding and support to promote Black, Asian, Jewish and minority ethnic history, arts and culture.		
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Children, young people and families

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue to campaign with the F40 group, our MPs and other relevant parties to redress the current unfair funding formula on behalf of Northamptonshire's schools and write to the Minister in charge and the Prime Minister to seek assurances that no post 16 education establishments in Northamptonshire will close as a result of any reduction in funding.	26/11/2015	NCC
To ask the Children, Learning & Communities Scrutiny Committee to request all schools to provide breakfast clubs for their pupils if not already doing so; to investigate the benefits of this action; and to investigate how sponsorship might play a part in funding it. To circulate information obtained to all schools in the county.	26/11/2015	NCC
To confirm that NBC will work further with NCC to explore the option of having Northampton represented in the UK Youth Parliament again.	13/03/2017	NBC
To agree to explore options that would allow NCC to reinstate the Northamptonshire Young Leaders Forum. To agree to continue to work with representative groups of young people in the county to promote democracy and important issues like mental health.	23/11/2017	NCC
To call upon NCC to publish an up-to-date School Places Strategy; a School Improvement Strategy setting out actions to improve aspirations and attainment; and to provide quarterly progress reports on the delivery of outcomes from these strategies.	22/03/2018	NCC
To support NBC's collaborative work with the Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Youth Offending Service, University of Northampton and Free to Talk in developing a training and awareness package about crime and serious violence that will be offered to schools and youth groups.	23/04/2018	NBC
To write to the Minister of State for Immigration demanding that the fee for children to register as British citizens is reduced to the administrative cost and demanding that looked after children are exempted	20/09/2018	NCC

from the fee. To identify children in their care who are entitled to citizenship and make sure they are aware of their rights and supported to claim them.		
To ask the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children to take action to: narrow the gap in achievement in Northamptonshire secondary schools and academies, making it a council priority; improve educational progress, attainment and skills at all key stages; intervene to ensure a trust acts more swiftly when it identifies that an academy is at risk of underachieving; write to the Regional Schools Commissioner to request his intervention, as a matter of urgency, when a school requires improvement or is inadequate.	21/03/2019	NCC
To support the local campaign for a Youth Centre for Northampton.	20/01/2020	NBC
To support the campaigns for more youth services across the county, a Youth Centre for Northampton, and youth forums for each of the two new unitary councils.	17/09/2020	NCC
To support the Government's 'Kickstarter scheme', helping create jobs for young people in Northampton, putting them at the heart of the town's economic revival from the Covid-19 pandemic. To call upon local businesses to sign up to providing quality, 6-month, subsidised work placements for those aged 16-24 on Universal Credit.	14/09/2020	NBC
To take a range of specified action to provide support to children receiving free school meals and their families during school holidays.	02/11/2020	NBC

Economy

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To make representations to NCC and to the Minister for Digital Economy to clarify the Superfast Northamptonshire programme for Daventry District and to make every effort to ensure a speedy delivery.	25/02/2016	DDC Place Scrutiny has broadband

		on its Work Programme
To agree to promote membership of the “Making It” and “Made in Britain” campaigns to local companies; to continue to encourage potential manufacturers to site within Northampton; and to use local suppliers wherever possible and cost effective to support the local economy.	14/01/2019	NBC
To commit to the continued support of our local market and market traders. To commit to publicising and encouraging public support for the festival of market activities taking place in May 2018. To commit to a longer term plan to develop the market square in consultation with the traders, retailers, the Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District and the public.	23/04/2018	NBC
To agree to take specified actions to support the development in Northampton town centre of a showcase outlet for shoes and leather goods produced by local manufacturers.	09/07/2018	NBC
To agree that NBC will work with appropriate partners to support the upskilling of local workers to reflect increased use of technology and automation. The partnership will assist with provision of training, planning for the implications of new technology, and organising a symposium on the future of employment and the local economy.	05/11/2018	NBC
To agree to promote membership of the “Making It” and “Made in Britain” campaigns to local companies; to continue to encourage potential manufacturers to site within Northampton; and to use local suppliers wherever possible and cost effective to support the local economy.	14/01/2019	NBC

Arts and heritage

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To confirm NBC’s continued support for the National Leather Collection Trust in their work and commit that NBC and Councillors will continue to work collaboratively with the Trust to ensure its ongoing short and long term success in Northampton.	13/03/2017	NBC
To commit to work with local MPs and central government to secure funding for Northampton from the national support package for arts and heritage. To support the recovery of this sector by continuing to invest in the work of the Council’s Heritage, Culture and Communities Team.	20/07/2020	NBC

Finance

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree that the Council will join with the LGA to make representation to the government to reverse the decision to make a 1% increase in interest for loans from the Public Works Loan Board.	04/11/2019	NBC

Civic matters

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To write to local MPs to encourage them to continue the campaign for a posthumous award of the Military Cross to Walter Tull.	20/07/2015	NBC
To ask the Northampton Women's Forum to hold an event commemorating Margaret Bondfield as the first ever woman MP for Northampton. To commit to commissioning a statue of her at The Guildhall in the next financial year.	18/09/2017	NBC
To propose that the local NHS be recommended for admission into the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton, in recognition outstanding services during the COVID19 Emergency.	09/03/2020	NBC

No further action potentially required – time specific and/or superseded by subsequent events

Topic of motion	Date	Authority	Notes
To urge Northampton residents to vote in the forthcoming EU referendum and to ensure that they are as informed as possible about the choice they will be making.	20/07/2015	NBC	
To consider all options for future arrangements following the end of NBC's seven-year contract with Enterprise Managed Services in 2018.	20/07/2015	NBC	
To undertake a full and transparent review of the current culture at NBC and work to develop a climate where people can excel and are trusted to deliver the range of services residents across the borough expect. To agree that Trade Unions have a role to play in a democratic and accountable public authority.	21/09/2015	NBC	
To welcome the progress already made in the county towards closer working between the Police and Fire Services. To agree that NCC should continue to promote closer working and co-operation between the Police and Fire Services and opportunities should be sought over time to include the county's Ambulance Service in this process.	24/09/2015	NCC	
To agree to take whatever action is possible to assist Northampton Town FC and the Supporters Trust. To retrieve the £10.25m public money owed to NBC. To ask the Audit Committee to review NBC's policies and procedures and make recommendations necessary for implementation in business arrangements of this nature.	02/11/2015	NBC	
To agree to continue to use the Living Wage Foundation rate in paying NBC staff; seek accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation; and use NBC's influence to encourage other local employers to pay the Living Wage.	02/11/2015	NBC	

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To agree to commission, an independent study into the scope, benefits and costs of the various options for introducing unitary local government in Northamptonshire. The study will also take account of the wider aspects of public service reform and other possible devolved powers.	17/03/2016	NCC	
To urge the NHS and the Oxfordshire CCG to negotiate a delay in any disposal of the Middleton Cheney GP surgery property and to include this as part of the new partnership arrangement to reinstate the Middleton Cheney surgery.	19/10/2016	SNC	
To request that officers look into options regarding Middleton Cheney GP Surgery and report back at the earliest opportunity.	19/10/2016	SNC	
To support the TUC's "Dying to work Campaign" currently being developed in the Midlands and to support the lobbying of MPs to establish new legislation, currently being drawn up by the society of Labour Lawyers which: seeks to get terminally ill workers covered by Protective Rights at Work in line with those covered by Pregnancy/Maternity Rights; seeks to protect death in service benefits; and seeks to allow workers with terminal illnesses to die in dignity.	12/12/2016	NBC	WNC has adopted the Dying to Work Charter.
To agree that future provision of environmental services in the borough should be based on the principles of flexibility, responsiveness to the public, and involving local representative bodies in the design and management of services.	23/01/2017	NBC	
To support a model for local government organisation based on a Northampton unitary authority and ask local MPs to back NBC in this.	23/01/2017	NBC	
To resolve to introduce the webcasting of official NBC meetings, including Council, Cabinet, Committee and Scrutiny meetings that are open to the public, at the earliest opportunity.	24/04/2017	NBC	

Topic of motion	Date	Authority	Notes
To ask the relevant Cabinet Member to look at how Northampton can play a part in Refugee Week in 2018.	19/06/2017	NBC	
To agree that a future review of NBC's constitution should address the need for a reporting back process on motions agreed by Full Council.	18/09/2017	NBC	
To ask the review of NBC policy on HMOs to look at the approach taken by Oxford City Council as a case study of good practice.	06/11/2017	NBC	
To commit to positive and productive collaboration with residents, resident Associations and parish councils as part of new arrangements for the provision of Environmental Services in 2018. To ask Overview and Scrutiny to determine the most effective process to share feedback from the community with the contractor.	11/12/2017	NBC	
To refer the sale of The Daventry Estate Company Limited properties in Middlemore to Scrutiny and Improvement Committee for investigation and put the sale on hold pending the outcome of this work.	22/02/2018	DDC	DDC agreed not to proceed with the sale on 26/07/2018.
To commit to undertake consultation with local residents to explain proposed changes to local government in Northamptonshire and to seek residents' views on the key issues and requirements of a new unitary council to serve Northampton residents.	04/06/2018	NBC	
To ask officers to explore the disposal of libraries with community organisations where there is an intention and the will to form an independent library. Efforts should be made to streamline this process to allow this to happen as soon as possible. To recommend that the Director of Public Health does not proceed with the permanent closure of the remaining libraries until the outcome of the Judicial Review hearing, to be heard on July 26 th and 27 th 2018, is known.	21/06/2018	NCC	

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To resolve to work with the friends of the four community libraries in Northampton under threat of closure to facilitate that the libraries remain open for community use.	09/07/2018	NBC	
To agree that proposals for changes to SNC's adopted Constitution must be considered by Full Council following receipt of a written report published five clear days in advance of the relevant meeting. If urgent changes are required these should be dealt with under SNC's adopted emergency procedures and reported with justification of the urgency, to the next scheduled Full Council meeting.	18/07/2018	SNC	
To ask officers to investigate and report back on options to help the Council to enable the completion by July 2020 of the proposed new building for Reach for Health, a charity providing health rehabilitation for people who have suffered a major health trauma or are living with long term illness.	26/07/2018	DDC	
To agree to review the accessibility, frequency of update and timeliness of the air quality data and activity published on the NBC website in order to match the openness and transparency achieved by other local authorities.	10/12/2018	NBC	
To expect that information provided to the public setting out proposed new Parish / Town Council arrangements for the area will detail options for service delivery by the new councils and give an indication as to the initial precept that will be levied, while recognising that this will be a matter for the elected members of the new councils.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To commit to NBC signing up as Disability Confident Committed and taking the necessary steps to become a Disability Confident Employer.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To reaffirm NBC's commitment to helping staff find the best work / life balance to support delivering the best outcomes for service users.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To support the award of a 100% grant to Staverton Parish Council for a traffic calming project in the area.	21/02/2019	DDC	

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To call on NBC representatives on the Shadow Authority to promote the concept of neighbourhood working to enable residents and local stakeholders to work with service providers and drive improvements in their local area.	11/03/2019	NBC	
To seek confirmation from the Department for Education that it will ensure that the primary school at Buckton Fields opens by September 2021	15/05/2019	DDC	Buckton Fields Primary School opened to Reception pupils in September 2021.
To request that a report be presented to the Council meeting in September setting out how NBC has responded to the Biodiversity 2020 challenge and highlighting the areas that still need to be addressed that needed to be considered in the preparation of the 2020/21 budget.	22/07/2019	NBC	
To agree to respond to NCC consultation on increasing on-street parking charges. To express opposition to the proposed increases as it believes that they will have a detrimental effect on the town centre economy.	16/09/2019	NBC	
To support the TUC's "Dying to work Campaign" currently being developed in the Midlands and to support the lobbying of MPs to establish new legislation, currently being drawn up by the society of Labour Lawyers which: seeks to get terminally ill workers covered by Protective Rights at Work in line with those covered by Pregnancy/Maternity Rights; seeks to protect death in service benefits; and seeks to allow workers with terminal illnesses to die in dignity.	19/09/2019	NCC	WNC has adopted the Dying to Work Charter.
To commit to launching NBC's secondary school programme covering cyberbullying, with the first event taking place on 24 th November 2019 at Weston Favell secondary and this being rolled out to Northampton International Academy and other secondary schools before the end of the academic year.	04/11/2019	NBC	

Topic of motion	Date	Authority	Notes
<p>To recognise the value of Northamptonshire’s Voluntary and Community Sector; that the current 3 year social wellbeing contract to eleven voluntary and community organisations working under the Commsortia contract is set to complete on 31 March 2020; and the proposals for transition funding in 2020/21 and the procurement of a new contract for 2021/2022.</p> <p>To agree to continue to work with the Director of Public health, Commsortia and the providers to deliver value for money, specific outcomes relevant to the priorities for public health spending and meet the public health criteria of the spending of public health funds.</p>	21/11/2019	NCC	
<p>To call on NCC to introduce the necessary measures to help voluntary organisations, both small and large, cope with the challenges they face. We further believe that local government has a crucial role to play and calls on Northamptonshire county council to increase its efforts and do everything possible to support the work of voluntary organisations in their area.</p> <p>To require the Cabinet to evaluate options to lengthen the period of grants to the voluntary sector and to do so by examining possible savings from the existing budgets of each directorate, assessing the likely impacts, while at no time depleting the Council’s reserves. The Cabinet should report back to the next meeting of Full Council with its findings and recommendations.</p>	17/09/2020	NCC	

No further action potentially required – votes of thanks, statements of position or similar

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To welcome the award of Green Flag status to Abington and Delapre parks. To commit to protecting the green spaces in Northampton and maintaining them to a high standard.	21/09/2015	NBC
To welcome the achievement of St Giles Street in being shortlisted as a finalist in the 2015 Great British High Street competition and encourage local residents and businesses to back its campaign.	02/11/2015	NBC
To reaffirm NBC's commitment to 78 Derngate and to working to support plans for its 100th anniversary celebrations.	02/11/2015	NBC
To write to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II offering congratulations on the longevity of her reign and her efforts to maintain and enhance the Commonwealth.	18/05/2016	DDC
To recognise the benefit of Right to Buy to tenants and note plans by NBC to replace homes purchased.	06/06/2016	NBC
To recognise excellent work undertaken by forums, inter-faith groups and partner organisations to help promote community cohesion within Northampton. To commit to help this good work further to ensure Northampton continues to be a diverse and tolerant town and one in which can be proud to live.	18/07/2016	NBC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes and emphasise NBC's commitment to work to address any such issues in local communities.	18/07/2016	NBC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes and emphasise DDC's commitment to work to address any such issues in local communities.	28/07/2016	DDC
To commit that NBC will continue to work in partnership with the diverse communities in Northampton to support specified events of celebration and commemoration.	23/01/2017	NBC
To recognise and support the work of the parish councils within the borough and commit that NBC will support them in their work for the benefit of local communities.	23/01/2017	NBC
To confirm that NBC recognises and understands the need for housing in Northampton and affirms its commitment to build more council houses.	13/03/2017	NBC

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To write to Call Care staff to pass on our congratulations for their work and our acknowledgement of the 30 th anniversary of the service's establishment.	19/06/2017	NBC
To welcome the proposed arrival of the "outstanding" Ofsted rated Sponne School into Daventry as DDC continues to play its part in supporting education partners to improve the overall offer to students.	27/07/2017	DDC
To congratulate and thank everyone who has been involved in the opening of Delapre Abbey and wishes the Trust and its volunteers every good wish for an exciting and successful future.	12/03/2018	NBC
To congratulate Brackley Town FC on the achievement of reaching the final of the FA Trophy to be played at Wembley on 20 May.	11/04/2018	SNC
To recognise Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service for the service they have been providing to domestic abuse victims and to give NDAS some much needed financial assistance.	10/12/2018	NBC
To thank NBC staff for their dedication and reaffirm NBC's commitment to ensuring that it is an attractive place for good staff to work.	14/01/2019	NBC
To agree that NCC believes that the last few years whilst being very tough have also shown us that the way we operate is crucial to bettering the outcomes for all our communities and their people. We look forward to the people of Northamptonshire receiving the best services from open transparent Unitary Councils. We wish our successor Councils all the best in their future endeavours.	18/02/2021	NCC
To recognise the qualities shown by the staff of NCC in dealing with the immense challenges the Council has faced over recent years and thank them for their service.	18/02/2021	NCC
To thank all the key workers and volunteers of Northamptonshire for their work in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.	18/02/2021	NCC
To thank Northampton residents, Council staff, emergency services personnel and volunteers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.	22/02/2021	NBC
To express thanks to NBC staff, contractors and partners for their hard work to meet increased demand for services and in particular to give support to the vulnerable and families in most need.	09/03/2020	NBC
To thank staff and members of DDC for their service during the life of the Council.	18/03/2021	DDC

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To thank people in Daventry, particularly key workers and volunteers, for their contribution to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	18/03/2021	DDC



WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Appendix A – Short Term Work Programme 2021/2022 – Corporate Scrutiny Committee

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held its work programming event on 14 October 2021 and has proposed items for the Committee to consider for inclusion within its work programme 2021/2022, as set out at paragraph 5.1 of this report.
- 1.2 This report therefore sets out both the short-term work programme 2021/2022 (detailed at Appendix A), which was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group at its meeting on 21 July 2021, together with proposals for further scrutiny review as set out at paragraph 5.1 of this report.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Effective work programming establishes directed scrutiny of issues of local importance and ensures that Scrutiny adds value and makes a difference.

- 2.2 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) states that an effective work programme is central to effective scrutiny, ensuring that the Committees focus on priority issues and make best use of both time and resources. The designing of a Work Programme for Scrutiny promotes public participation, transparency and demonstrate good governance.
- 2.3 Work Programming is the planning stage. Potential topics for scrutiny are identified for the year. These will be investigated either at a Committee meeting or through time limited Task and Finish Groups. It is typical for a long list to be drawn up initially that is reduced to a short list before a final work programme is approved.
- 2.4 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held its work programming event on 7 October 2021 and considered presentations from Cabinet detailing their priorities for the year, the short-term work programme, over sixty suggestions from members of the public for future scrutiny review, together with suggestions proposed by the Committee itself.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that:

- 3.1.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Group considers the issues suggested at the Work Programming event on 14 October 2021 and proposes which of these are included within the short-term work programme 2021/2022.
- 3.1.2 The updated Work Programme for Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is presented to the Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group for consideration and approval at its meeting on 30 November 2021.

3.2 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.2.1 One of Overview and Scrutiny's key roles is to undertake focussed work programming in order to ensure that Scrutiny contributes actively to the Council's objectives.
- 3.2.2 Each of the three Scrutiny Committees should have an annual Work Programme. The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group, at its meeting on 17 June 2021, agreed that each Scrutiny Committee would compile a short-term Work Programme, for approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group.
- 3.2.3 The Scrutiny Committees each agreed to hold an event to further develop the Work Programme for 2021/2022 and report back to a later meeting of the Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group with further suggested items for inclusion within the Scrutiny Work Programmes.

3.3 Work Programming Event

- 3.3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group agreed that each Scrutiny Committee should hold individual work programming events, rather than one single event. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held its event on 14 October 2021.

3.3.2 The Work Programming event was well attended, and a comprehensive debate took place, considering Cabinet’s priorities for the year that are within the remit of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the sixty plus suggestions from members of the public, the short-term work programme 2021/2022 and general ideas put forward by non-Executive Members.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The Centre for Public Scrutiny and Governance advocates that scrutiny committees should agree a work programme at the start of each Municipal Year in order that issues can be scheduled for consideration and reports produced in a timely manner.
- 4.2 The Council’s Constitution states that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will consult with other parts of the Council as appropriate, including the Cabinet, on the preparation of any work programme.
- 4.3 Each Scrutiny Committee – Corporate, Place and People has proposed a short-term work programme for 2021/22 and has each held a work programming event to further develop the short-term work programmes.

5. Issues and Choices

5.1 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposed additional items to include within its work programme and suggested how Scrutiny activity will take place, for example, a Task and Finish Group undertaking a review, the Committee to undertake a review or pre-decision scrutiny. The issues that were suggested for the Committee’s consideration for inclusion within its Work Programme 2021/2022 are detailed below:

Major and Capital Contracts	The Committee to consider major contracts of the Council, including the Children’s Trust
Social Value	The Committee to undertake scrutiny activity of Social Value
Modernising Systems	The Committee to undertake scrutiny activity of modernising systems and considering value for money within the Council
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake regular performance management scrutiny
Asset Value	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake Scrutiny activity of Asset Value
Broadband and 5G	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake Scrutiny activity of broadband and 5G within West Northamptonshire

Treasury Management	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake Scrutiny activity of treasury management, including ear marked reserves, Covid funding, bids and LoBos.
Expenses Policy	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake Scrutiny activity of the Council's Expenses Policy
Potential Cross cutting scrutiny activity	
Highways Contract	The Committee, together with Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake pre-decision Scrutiny of the Highways Contract
Housing	The Committee, together with Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake Scrutiny activity of the housing costs and Social Value.

- 5.2 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the list as set out at paragraph 5.1 for inclusion within its Work Programme 2021/2022.
- 5.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Scrutiny Group is responsible for approving the work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees.

6 Implications (including financial implications)

6.2 Resources and Financial

- 6.2.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the proposals.

6.3 Legal

- 6.3.1 Overview and Scrutiny operates within the provisions as set out in the Local Government Act 2000, the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. It has specific powers relating to health services since 2001 and the crime and disorder since 2006.
- 6.3.2 Paragraph 7.1.3 of the constitution "The Overview and Scrutiny function will develop a work plan as well as supporting policy development, providing pre-decision scrutiny where appropriate, holding decision-makers to account and exercising the formal call-in of executive decisions to review any concerns about the making of the decision."
- 6.3.3 Part 7.2 of the Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules states:

1.2 the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will consult with other parts of the Council as appropriate, including the Cabinet, on the preparation of any work programme.

1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will consider any views expressed following consultation under Rule 1.2 above in drawing up any work programme. They should consider the resources, both Officer and financial, available to support its proposals.

6.3.4 To comply with the requirements of the Council's Constitution, the work programmes of the three Scrutiny Committees must be formally approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Scrutiny Group.

6.4 Risk

6.4.1 Scrutiny is essential to good governance and enables the voice and concerns of residents and communities to be heard and provides challenge and accountability.

6.5 Consultation

6.5.1 The agreed work programming process includes the opportunity for non-Executive Members, Cabinet, the public and officers to be involved in the Work Programme process. 50 members of the public put forward suggestions for future Scrutiny reviews. One non-Executive Member (not a member of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee) attended, and partook in the work programme event held on 14 October 2021.

6.5.2 Cabinet Members were involved in the work programming process for Overview and Scrutiny by being invited and attended the work programming event and informed non-Executives of their priorities for the year. This was then used to inform any pre-decision scrutiny items and future scrutiny reviews.

6.5.3 Each meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes the work programme as an agenda item, providing Members with the opportunity to comment on and input into the Committee's work programme.

6.6 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

6.6.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has further developed its Work Programme 2021/2022, which will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group for approval.

6.7 Climate Impact

6.7.1 There are no immediate climate impact implications arising from the proposals.

6.8 Community Impact

6.8.1 Scrutiny work will need to assess the implications of any recommendations made, including equalities and community cohesion implications.

Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group – 17 June 2021

Report to the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 22 June 2021

Agenda and Minutes of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 September 2021

Notes of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme event – 14 October 2021

West Northamptonshire Council

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022

This work programme comprises a number of key issues and topics to inform the short-term work programme for 2021 -2022. Longer term reviews and topics are also listed which will be considered at the work programming event that the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will host in the autumn 2021.

Short Term Work Programme 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Social Values Act 2013	The Committee to receive a briefing on the Social Values Act 2013	15 September 2021	To be determined	No but following the briefing the Committee may consider setting up a Task and Finish Group	The Committee to receive a briefing on the Social Values Act 2013 and the procurement of contracts, contract management and social value to enable Members to decide on how it will undertake further scrutiny activity on that topic.
Contract management and procurement	To receive a presentation on contract monitoring and procurement and the links into Social Value	15 September 2021	Executive Director Finance and Head of Procurement	No	Highlighted at the first meeting as an area of interest with particular reference to social value
The Children's Trust Budget	The Committee to receive a briefing on the Children's Trust budget	15 September 2021	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	No but following the briefing the Committee may consider setting up a Task and Finish Group	The Committee to receive a briefing on the Children's Trust Budget to enable Members to decide on how it will undertake further scrutiny activity on that topic.
Work Programming Event	The Committee to confirm the date for its Work Programming event	15 September 2021	Executive Director for Finance Cabinet Members to be invited to the work programme event	No	

Schools Budgets	To receive a briefing on the way schools need funding and how this is calculated	15 November 2021	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Not at the meeting on 15 November 2021, The Committee may consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review schools' budgets	The meeting on 15 November 2021 will comprise a comprehensive question and answer session (Scrutiny Inquiry) to inform a potential scrutiny review.
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Potential Longer-Term Work Programme topics 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Draft West Northamptonshire Council budget 2022-2023	To provide scrutiny input into the draft budget	18 January 2021; and potentially a further additional meeting of the Committee to be scheduled as required.	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	To be confirmed	Budget scrutiny is a key role of this Committee. The Committee could decide on which budgets it would scrutinise in-depth at a later meeting (to be set)

Potential regular items for inclusion on the Work Programme 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Quarterly Budget Monitoring Reports	The Committee to receive regular budget monitoring reports at its meetings	15 September 2021 9 November 18 January 2022 15 March 2022	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	No	To receive a budget monitoring reports to each meeting which will inform the budget scrutiny role of this Committee.
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	15 September 2021 9 November 18 January 2022 15 March 2022	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	No	

Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	15 November 18 January 2022 15 March 2022	Executive Director Finance and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	
Transformation Projects	The Committee to review transformation projects: Definition of the Transformation Projects Spend on transformation Savings	15 November 2021 18 January 2022 15 March	Director – Transformation Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	No	
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022	The Committee to consider its Annual Report 2021/2022 for submission to full Council for information	15 March 2022	The Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee	No	

Potential cross-cutting themes for the Scrutiny Committees

Topic	Proposed purpose	Committees to be involved in this review	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
The Impact of Car Parking Charges on the Town Centre	To review the impact of car parking charges on the town centre	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	

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