

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the Jeffrey Room, The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton NN1 1DE on Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 6.00 pm

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
2.	Declarations of Interest
	Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Notification of requests from Members of the Public to address the Meeting
	To receive notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting on an item on the public part of the agenda.
4.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 14)
	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 February 2023.
5.	Chair's Announcements
	To receive any communications from the Chair.
6.	West Northamptonshire Council Housing Allocations Policy
	To consider a presentation giving an overview of planned development of a new Housing Allocations Policy for West Northamptonshire.

7. Fostering services in West Northamptonshire

To consider a presentation giving an update on fostering services following the Ofsted inspection of the Northamptonshire Children's Trust Fostering Agency reported in March 2023.

8. West Northamptonshire Anti-Poverty Strategy (Pages 15 - 34)

To consider a presentation on progress with the delivery of the Anti-Poverty Strategy after one year in operation.

9. Review of Committee Work Programme (Pages 35 - 44)

To review the Work Programme and consider any matters to be highlighted to the Committee's successors in the revised West Northamptonshire Council Overview and Scrutiny committee structure for 2023/24.

10. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

11. Exclusion of Press and Public

In respect of the following items the Chair may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: "That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them."

Catherine Whitehead Proper Officer 24 April 2023

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members:

Councillor Rosie Herring (Chair) Councillor Karen Cooper (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Azizur Rahman Councillor Harry Barrett

Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM Councillor Raymond Connolly

Councillor Cheryl Hawes Councillor Rufia Ashraf
Councillor Penelope Flavell Councillor Greg Lunn
Councillor Emma Roberts Councillor Janice Duffy

Councillor Sue Sharps Councillor Nick Sturges-Alex

Councillor Mike Warren

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

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