



Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the Council chamber, the Forum, Towcester on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 6.00 pm

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 th December 2022.
4.	Chairman's Announcements To receive communications from the Chairman.
5.	Local Plan Part 2 - Northampton (Pages 11 - 16) The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the Local Plan part 2 – Northampton 6.05pm to 6.55pm
6.	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny (Pages 17 - 30) The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 6.55pm to 7.30pm

7.	<p>Flood Risk Management</p> <p>The Committee to receive an update on the Flood Risk Management Strategy</p> <p>7.30pm to 8pm</p>
8.	<p>Updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>The Chairs of the Task and Finish and Oversight Groups to provide an update to the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Tree Policy Task and Finish Group - Report of the Tree Policy T&F Group received by Cabinet at its December meeting ii) Northampton Town Plan – The Committee to consider and approve its scope for scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS development iii) Highways Contract Strategic Oversight Group iv) Active Travel Oversight Group <p>8pm to 8.15pm</p>
9.	<p>Review of Committee Work Programme 2022-23 (Pages 31 - 36)</p> <p>To review and note the Committee Work Programme 2022-23</p> <p>8.15pm to 8.25pm</p>
10.	<p>Urgent Business</p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
11.	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>Exempt Items In respect of the following items the Chairman may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: “That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them”</p>

30 January 2023

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members:

Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)	Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bob Purser	Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
Councillor William Barter	Councillor Pinder Chauhan
Councillor Paul Joyce	Councillor Paul Dyball
Councillor Terrie Eales	Councillor Louisa Fowler
Councillor Enam Haque	Councillor Charles Morton
Councillor Kevin Parker	Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

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Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Guildhall, Northampton on Monday 5 December 2022 at 6.55 pm.

Present:

Councillor Dermot Bambridge (Chair)
 Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)
 Councillor Bob Purser
 Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
 Councillor William Barter
 Councillor Terrie Eales
 Councillor Louisa Fowler
 Councillor Kevin Parker

Also Present: Councillor Daniel Lister, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Paul Joyce
 Councillor Enam Haque
 Councillor Charles Morton
 Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms

Officers:

Stuart Timmiss, Executive Director - Place and Economy
 Jane Carr, Director of Communities and Opportunities
 Kevin Langley, Head of Major Projects and Regeneration,
 Wendy Thompson, Principal Regeneration Officer.
 Tracy Tiff, Deputy Democratic Services Manager
 Marina Watkins, Committee Officer

76. Declarations of Interest

None advised

77. Minutes

Councillor Jo Gilford proposed an amendment to the minutes at item number 71 as follows:

“It was agreed that a cross-party scrutiny task panel be set up to look at the council’s infrastructure business model & alternate options/strategy for the delivery of the WNC

waste service. The following Members asked to be considered for membership of this Group: Councillors Mohammed Aziz, Bob Purser, Jo Gilford, Louisa Fowler and Dermot Bambridge.

The Cabinet member for waste noted the recommendation and would consult with the cabinet and report back to the committee as he understood the cabinet wished to lead on the project”

Following agreement of the amendment to the minutes, the Chair stated that he would write to Councillor Larratt indicating that Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee were not content with the proposal for Cabinet to lead on the review. The Committee was content to work in consultation with the Cabinet Member but not to be led by them. The Chair undertook to speak to Councillor Ian McCord regarding the situation, as the review was a joint Scrutiny activity with the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the amendments above, the Minutes of the meeting of the Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 18th October 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

78. Chairman's Announcements

None advised.

79. Northampton Town Plan - M&S and BHS redevelopment

The Chair welcomed Councillor Daniel Lister, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth

Kevin Langle, Head of Major Projects and Regeneration and Wendy Thompson, Principal Regeneration Officer, who provided the Committee with a presentation outlining the historical changes in retail and detailing the proposed redevelopment of the former Marks and Spencer's (M&S) and British Homes Stores (BHS) sites in Northampton town centre. The proposal would entail the demolition of the current buildings and the provision of a mixed use development with residential, leisure and retail uses.

In response to questions from Councillors:

- The development would be undertaken by one developer. Although a large development for the Council, it was not a particularly large scheme for developers to undertake
- Information could be provided to councillors on similar developments in towns of a similar size and type as Northampton
- The buildings had been purchased with Government funding to enable re-generation to take place. The proposal needed to fit in with development taking place in other areas of the town
- Councillors queried what impact scrutiny could have on the proposals.
- A strategy had been put forward to Government in order to acquire the funding, and it was limited as to how much the strategy could now be challenged

- Parking need was expected to be low, and there was currently spare capacity elsewhere in the town
- The project was generally supported but consideration needed to be given to issues such as risks, financial details, impact assessments, consultation plans and how the development would fit in with the Housing Strategy
- A full business case had been submitted to Cabinet earlier in the year
- The Director of Communities and Opportunities advised that there was a local demand for properties. In the region of 950 people were on the waiting list for one bedroom properties, with over 500 requiring a two bed roomed home. A large number on the list were requiring social housing, but many required private rental properties but no properties were available.
- More information was needed regarding the retail offering, including the type and size of shop
- The intention was for the first residents and businesses to move into the development in 2026
- The Executive Director - Place and Economy suggested that a site visit to similar developments may prove beneficial
- The Vice Chair would draft a Scoping Document and circulate to the Committee

The Chair thanked officers for their presentation and members for their contributions.

RESOLVED:

That:

- i) The Committee noted the presentation
- ii) The Executive Director - Place and Economy to make arrangements for councillors to visit similar developments in locations of a comparable nature to Northampton
- iii) The Vice Chair of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee drafts a Scoping Document for consideration for Scrutiny input into this important project and circulates to the Committee

80. Opportunities and Communities Directorate update

The Chair introduced Jane Carr, Director of Communities and Opportunities who provided the Committee with a presentation regarding the Opportunities and Communities Directorate and outlined the Directorates activity to date including the completion of major projects such as the Vulcan works.

- There was a lack of housing available in the wider housing market
- Information regarding the Vulcan works project and the number and type of rentals would be provided to members
- There needed to be more joined up thinking between housing needs, housing policy and planning
- One single Local Plan for the whole of Northamptonshire would be developed and would be submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Committees for consideration
- The 12 month priorities were outlined, including the Tourism Strategy, Economic Growth Strategy and Vision and the West Northants Masterplan

- There was a need to change the perception of Northampton as a place to visit and work, with an emphasis on experiences e.g. theatres

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the presentation
- 2) That One single Local Plan for the whole of Northamptonshire would be developed and would be submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Committees for consideration

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

The Chairs of the Task and Finish and Oversight Groups to provide an update to the Committee

i) Tree Policy Task and Finish Group

The Chair advised that the Task Panel Chair, Councillor Pinder Chauhan would present the final report to the Cabinet for its consideration the following evening (6th December)

ii) Highways Contract Strategic Oversight Group

The first meeting had been held in November and a draft Scope was circulated at the meeting. The 'maturity matrix' detailed top level Performance Indicators and would highlight any issues.

A 'step change' was promised within the first six months of the new contract. It would be useful to challenge the Portfolio Holder on what changes/improvements had taken place. The Committee wished to be reassured that the improvements in the contract had been delivered and Cabinet had been held to account. The Deputy Democratic Services Manager would re-draft the Scope and circulate.

iii) Active Travel Oversight Group

The Chair of the Oversight Group advised that a meeting had been held in October. One of the groups' aims was to enable people to get to travel hubs by foot or bike and reduce car travel to and from schools.

RESOLVED:

That the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the updates from the Chairs of the Task and Finish and Oversight Groups

82. Review of Committee Work Plan

The Chair introduced the work programme and asked the Committee for their comments and views.

The Deputy Democratic Services Manager would liaise with the Executive Director - Place and Economy to factor in dates for upcoming items on the work programme.

It was noted that due to a clash with the Cabinet meeting, the 13th February meeting of the Committee would be moved to Tuesday 7th February at the Forum, Towcester.

An additional meeting of the Committee would be scheduled for Tuesday 21st March at the Guildhall, to replace the meeting cancelled during the national period of mourning.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the work programme be noted.
- ii) That the Deputy Democratic Services Manager would liaise with the Executive Director - Place and Economy to factor in dates for upcoming items on the work programme

83. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____

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WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7th February 2023

Report Title	Northampton Local Plan Part 2: Adoption
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Director for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Stuart Timmiss Executive Director: Place, Economy & Environment	Email confirmation 27 th January 2023.

List of Appendices

None

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to explain to the Committee how the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 is progressing towards potential formal adoption by the Council.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in February 2021. Government-appointed Planning Inspectors conducted hearings about the Plan in November 2021. Following the hearings, proposals for the modification of the plan (including Main Modifications which were agreed with the Inspectors as they were necessary to make the Plan sound) were prepared to reflect the outcome of the hearing sessions and a note produced by the Inspectors following the close of the hearings.
- 2.2 The Proposed Main Modifications and a round of Further Main Modifications were put out to public consultation in 2022. The Inspectors have considered all the responses received to the Main Modifications consultations and have sent a draft Final Report to the Council for fact checking. The draft report recommends that the Plan be adopted, subject to modifications being made.
- 2.3 Following receipt of the final version of the Inspectors' report, a final version of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 will be produced to take on board recommendations in the Inspectors' Final Report and comments from the consultation on Additional Modifications and Changes to the Policies Map.
- 2.4 A new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire is being developed to replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, December 2014 (the Part 1 Local Plan) and the Part 2 Local Plans for Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton. This Committee will have the opportunity to scrutinise the new Local Plan throughout its production.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- a) Notes the Council's progress in producing the Northampton Local Plan Part 2.
 - b) Considers the opportunity to scrutinise the new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire at future stages in its production.

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

- To accord with legislation on local plan preparation.
- To ensure consistency with previous decisions of Planning Policy Committee regarding the Northampton Local Plan Part 2.

5. Report Background

- 5.1 The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 is being prepared such that it conforms with the policies set out in the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1). Since the Joint Core

Strategy is strategic in nature, it is the role of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 to set out detailed policies and site allocations specifically for Northampton. Part 2 Local Plans covering the former South Northamptonshire Council and Daventry District Council areas were adopted in 2020. There have been several stages of public consultation in the process of producing the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 - the Issues Consultation (April 2016), Options Consultation (October 2016) and Sites Consultation (October 2017), public consultation on the Proposed Submission version of the Local Plan Part 2 (July 2019) and a second round of consultation public consultation on the Proposed Submission version of the Local Plan Part 2 (July 2020).

- 5.2 At its meeting of 18th July 2022, Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group, Members discussed the Northampton Local Plan Part 2. It was concluded that there was no place at that time for Scrutiny to add value as decisions about Plan were ultimately in the hands of Government-appointed inspectors who would deliberate and form their own view which would be fed back to the Council.

6. Issues and Choices

- 6.1 The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in February 2021. Government-appointed Planning Inspectors conducted hearings about the Plan in November 2021. Following the hearings, proposals for the modification of the plan (including Main Modifications which were agreed with the Inspectors as they were necessary to make the Plan sound) were prepared to reflect the outcome of the hearing sessions and a note produced by the Inspectors following the close of the hearings.
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- 6.3 Following receipt of the final version of the Inspectors' report, a final version of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 will be produced to take on board recommendations in the Inspectors' Final Report and comments from the consultation on Additional Modifications and Changes to the Policies Map. At this stage, the contents of the Plan, including its policies are "fixed" pending its adoption (if the Council chooses to adopt it). If the Council were to choose to change the Plan at this stage, there would have to be further public consultation and the Plan would have to be re-examined, which would be likely to delay the adoption of the Plan by up to two years.
- 6.4 A new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire is being developed to replace the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, December 2014 (the Part 1 Local Plan) and the Part 2 Local Plans for Daventry, South Northamptonshire and Northampton. This Committee will have the opportunity to scrutinise the new Local Plan throughout its production.

6.5 The timetable for the production of the new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire is as follows:

- Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 18) – June 2023
- Publication of Draft Plan and Consultation (Regulation 19) – December 2023
- Submission (Regulation 22) – May 2024
- Examination (Regulation 24) – December 2024
- Adoption (Regulation 26) – September 2025

Choices

6.6 Since the recommendations are for noting, there are no particular choices that arise at this stage.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1 Resources and Financial

7.1.1 There are no resources or financial implications arising from the proposals in this report.

Legal

7.1.2 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals in this report.

7.2 Risk

7.2.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

7.3 Consultation

7.3.1 The plan preparation process has been undertaken in compliance with the regulations set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and consultation forms a key element of the process. Consultation on the new Local Plan will also be undertaken in compliance with those Regulations.

7.4 Climate Impact

7.4.1 Policies in the Northampton Local Plan Part 2, including those relating to flooding, sustainable construction and the provision for electric vehicle charging points, will have a beneficial impact on climate change.

7.4.2 Sustainable development and climate impact will be key strands in the development of the new Local Plan for West Northamptonshire.

7.5 Community Impact

7.5.1 The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 will ensure that developments are directed to the right locations and that they are constructed in a manner that meets the required standards. It will ensure that a balance is secured between the built and natural environment, therefore continuing to supply houses and employment for existing and future residents whilst enhancing the quality and quantity of open spaces and protecting the area's heritage assets. All these will have a positive impact on the community.

7.5.2 It is the intention that the new Local Plan will address the same issues.

7.6 **Communications**

7.6.1 Communications plays a key role throughout the local plan preparation process, particularly in publicising and encouraging participation in the consultation stages. The council will continue to keep the public and all other stakeholders informed and engaged in this consultation using its corporate communications channels including media releases, social media and targeted marketing activity.

8. **Background Papers**

- [Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Submission & Examination | Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Submission & Examination | West Northamptonshire Council - Northampton Area](#)
- [New Local Plan for West Northamptonshire | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Minutes of Previous Meeting.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7th February 2023

Report Title	Performance Report – West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership
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Report Author	Jane Carr, Director of Communities and Opportunities and Chair of West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership Cllr David Smith, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement
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1. Purpose of Report

In meeting the statutory responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, an update report from West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is provided. The report focuses on the levels of CSP performance, progress against current priorities and activity undertaken from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022.

2. West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership

The West Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership is well established, with a clear governance structure to deliver our statutory responsibilities as a collective to reduce crime and disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour. The CSP's vision is to make West Northamptonshire safer for our communities, businesses and visitors, by working in partnership to reduce the risk and harm of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. Working together we want to create a place where people feel safe and supported and the diversity of our community is valued.

The responsible authorities for the CSP include:

1. West Northants Council
2. Northamptonshire Police
3. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
4. Probation Service
5. Integrated Care Board

Other delivery partners of the CSP operations and activities include:

6. Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation (NHS) Trust
7. Office of the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
8. Youth Offending Service
9. Voluntary and Community and Faith Sector Organisations
10. Registered Housing Providers
11. Northamptonshire Children's Trust
12. University of Northampton

3. Partnership Priorities

The partnership has utilised the Police's annual Strategic Assessment, community profiles and engagement with the community to help refresh the priorities for the partnership.

The Assessment collates considerable information and data, detailing levels of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour that enables the Community Safety Partnership to consider the current position and any changing circumstances or emerging issues that could necessitate different approaches or interventions. The current volume of crime, level of harm and community concern, the impact on our communities and victims and how much added value can the partnership give is also taken into consideration.

The current priorities that have been agreed are informed by the various existing strategies and priorities, including our Domestic Abuse Strategy, Anti-Poverty Strategy, the emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the priorities of both the Childrens Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding Board and the ten live your best life ambitions, specifically, that people feel safe in their homes and when out, that people feel connected to their families and friends and that our communities are accepted and valued simply for who they are. The priorities are also considered alongside both existing and emerging national priorities and policing priorities included in both Northamptonshire Police's Control Strategy the Police Fire Crime Commissioner's Policing and Crime Plan and the newly established Combatting Drugs Partnership.

We have established a strong Community Engagement Network. The need for local people to be given an opportunity to voice their views and opinions is important in achieving longer-term change and improving community safety.

The partnership regularly asks the community to identify what their greatest community safety concern is in their neighbourhood. These results are analysed every three months and used to set the locally identified priorities and inform the strategic priorities for the partnership.

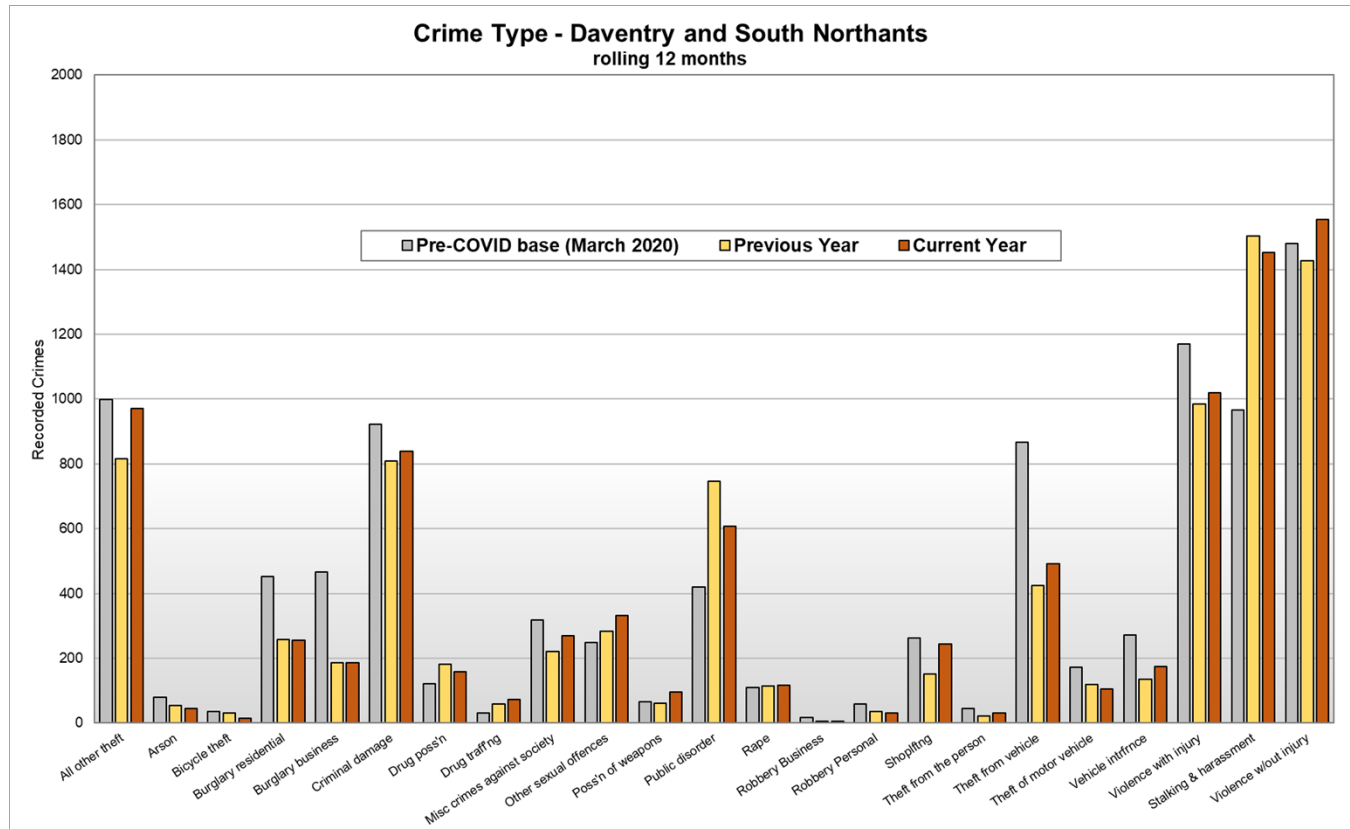
The current strategic priorities for the CSP include:

- **Work with our communities to ensure our neighbourhoods are safe spaces for everyone**
- **Target those causing the greatest harm, tackling the causes of crime through prevention and early intervention**
- **Reduce incidents of serious violence including domestic abuse, sexual offences and knife crime.**
- **Protecting vulnerable people, safeguarding those at risk of exploitation**

4. Current Performance

Daventry and South Northants

The chart on the following page shows numbers for crime groups recorded by Northamptonshire Police: data for the year to December 2021 is shown in yellow, data for the year to December 2022 is in red. To allow for the impact the pandemic had on recorded crime there is a third series of columns showing the figure at March 2020.



The overall picture is positive despite the total crime figure increasing by 5.1% between December 2021 and December 2022. *All other theft* remains a significant feature of the chart; figures increased by 19.0% during the year, although this follows decreases in each of the previous three years.

While figures for *theft of a vehicle* fell by 11.9%, *theft from a vehicle* increased by 15.8%. Police have been running operations targeting thefts of tools from light commercial vehicles parked in hotels around the arterial routes and in the motorway services; since October 2022 we have seen a 21.1% drop in recorded offences, indicating that these operations have had an impact.

Public disorder offences fell by 18.6% compared to 2021, although numbers are still high when compared to March 2020, as there was a change in recording protocols leading to more offences being recorded. *Drug possession* is down by 12.7% while *drug trafficking* is up 23.7%, however numbers for both remain low.

In the 12 months to December 2022, violent crime accounted for 44.4% of all crime in Daventry and South Northants. Violent offences rose by 2.8% in the period and break down as 38.6% *without injury*, 25.3% *with injury* and 36.1% *stalking and harassment*, with similar

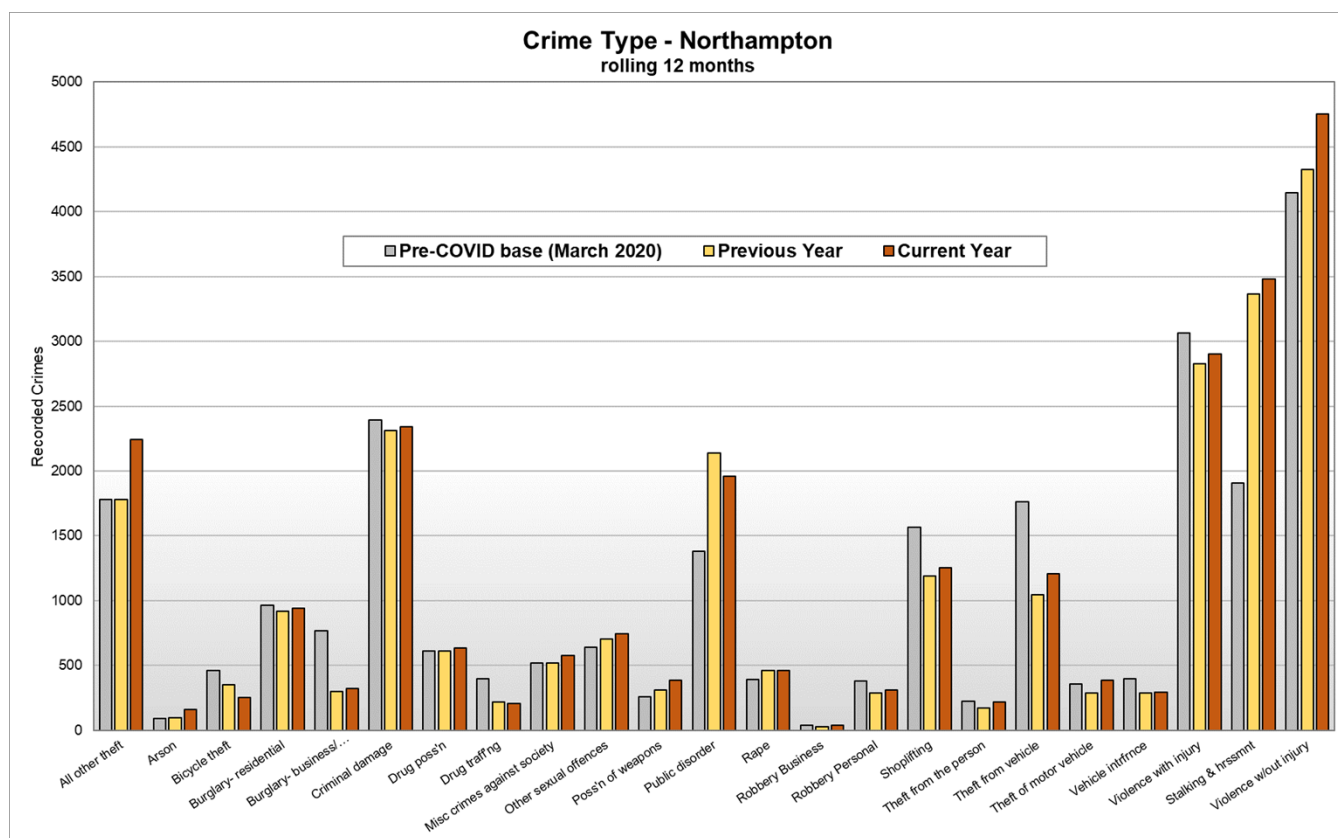
proportions being returned for offences with and without a domestic flag. *Stalking and harassment* saw a sharp downturn in May 2021, as illustrated on the left; the curve flattened and is beginning to show a slight rise, but offences are down 3.4% compared to December 2021.

Domestic violence reported to Police fell by 8.7% during the past 12 months and these offences now account for 32.3% of all violent crime. However, domestic abuse agencies report an increase in case load, which may indicate a new reluctance to report and or an increased awareness of the support available through our domestic abuse and sexual violence providers

There were 443 burglaries recorded in the 12 months to December 2022, breaking down as 256 offences of *burglary residential* and 187 offences of *burglary business / community*. There was a slight increase in residential burglary earlier in the year, but figures for December 2022 are 0.8% below those in December 2021.

Northampton

The chart below shows numbers for each of the crime groups recorded for Northampton; data for the year to December 2021 is in yellow, the year to December 2022 in red and the pre-COVID figure at March 2020 is in grey.



Crime increased by 6.1% over the last 12 months: *public disorder* is down 8.6%; *all other theft* increased by 26.1%; *shoplifting* is up 5.4% but has not returned to the pre-COVID level; offences of *possession of weapons* have risen 24.8% over the last 12 months, with 57.7% of these being for *possession of an article with a blade or point*; this is due to pro-active Policing around this matter. There has been a 34.5% increase in *theft of vehicle* and a 15.2% rise in

theft from vehicle. Almost half of the vehicles stolen in Northampton in 2022 were motorbikes; all victims of *theft of vehicle* now receive a visit from the Police.

Violent crime accounted for 42.8% of all crime recorded in Northampton, with offences rising 5.9% during the year. Violent crimes broke down as 42.7% *without injury*, 26.0% *with injury* and 31.2% *stalking and harassment*. *Stalking and harassment* had been a significant factor in the rise in recorded crime; numbers started to decline in April 2021 but have risen again in 2022. The graph below illustrates the trends.

Domestic violence is down 5.0% from the same point in 2021 and now accounts for 28.9% of recorded *violent crime*. There were 460 offences of *rape* recorded, which is an increase of 0.4% on December 2021: of these offences, 143 had a domestic flag, an increase from 139 last year. There are several new initiatives around the night-time economy in Northampton and while these should lead to a reduction in offences, it is likely that there will be an increased willingness to report.

There was a 3.2% drop in *burglary residential* in 2021 but the current figure has increased by 2.5% from that baseline. *Burglary residential* had reduced significantly prior to the pandemic, The current figure is 972; the figure in March 2019 was 1,631. Figures for *burglary business / community* rose 8.8% in 2022, following decreases in the last two years.

5. Partnership Activity

A considerable amount of activity has taken place in the last 12 months:

West Northamptonshire:

- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board set up, Needs Assessment completed to identify gaps in support, especially for those who are in specialist domestic abuse accommodation having left an abusive relationship and a Domestic Abuse Strategy developed and approved, to meet our statutory duties in relation to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- Dedicated Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator role created, to ensure the delivery of the Strategy.
- Development of a working Action Plan to reflect the priorities of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy and multi-agency task and finish groups established to progress and deliver the Action Plan.
- Domestic abuse training has been provided across the services within West Northamptonshire to ensure all employees have the skills to respond quickly and appropriately to domestic abuse and sexual violence. This will be an ongoing project to support existing employees and anyone joining the authority.
- 16 Days of activism annual campaign delivered; including Reclaim the Night march and candle-lit vigil at All Saints as well as a number of pop-ups, drop in's with Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence organisations, and in person and virtual discussion events; additionally, a social media campaign was put together and delivered through WNC social media channels to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, educate, and promote the local and national support services.

- Hate Crime Week of Action delivered, including engagement stands in high footfall areas in Northampton and Daventry, ward visits from Northampton Partnership Homes and the Northampton Partnership Homes Daphne bus; Information sent to schools for them to take part in a hate crime activity whereby they learn about what a hate crime is before designing their own hate crime “Coat of Arms” to show what they learnt.
- Community Safety-Young Peoples Animation went live at the start of October and is being used by a high number of primary schools across the west. The programme, which has been developed mainly for the year 6 age range, is a free resource for schools to use, as well as youth providers and services who work with young people. The programme covers 7 key community safety subjects, including Fire and water safety, Knife crime and gangs, Personal safety and crime prevention, Child sexual exploitation and online safety, Hate crime, Road and Rail safety, finally, Mental health.
- Delivered and supported 60 community engagement events, bringing our communities together, including Holocaust Memorial Day, International Women’s Day, Ukraine Independence Day, *Srebrenica*, *International Youth Day*, *International Men’s Day*, *16 Days of Activism*, *International Day for People with Disabilities* and *World Aids Day*. Event streaming has continued this year for the majority of our events as it now provides inclusive access to our communities across the west.
- Advice given around avoiding fraud and scams as part of the virtual event for International Day of People with Disabilities
- ‘I’m Still Me’ LGBTQ conference delivered with over 40 school staff signing up to take part in the event.
- International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia (IDAHOBiT) event delivered from the Guildhall Courtyard and via West Northants Council internal teams channels with the Staff LGBTQ+ Network.
- Delivered our largest LGBTQ Pride event in Northampton Town Centre with a footfall of over 13,000 people throughout the event. High presence from Police, Fire and East Midlands Ambulance Service in both the parade and event space offering reassurance, engagement and promoting hate crime reporting methods.
- Youth Forum participated in the annual Youth Summit, youth led conference, delivering a workshop around hate crime to other young people in November.
- The Youth Forum hosted an event for UK Parliament Week in November 2022, including a presentation to Councillors and students from a number of West Northants schools and facilitated a political conversations activity that allowed young people to ask questions and discuss issues with cross party group of councillors. Young people attending were asked to give views and ideas on the future expansion and development of the Youth Forum to represent all young people.
- Community and engagement newsletter – issued bi-weekly through our community engagement network, providing community safety messages and campaigns, details of events and general updates.
- Target hardening of properties of vulnerable residents, that have been victims of Anti-Social behaviour, hate crime or domestic abuse.
- Promoted and supported Police with a number of knife amnesty events.

- The Road Joint Action Group expanded to cover Northampton during 2021 and considered 36 new problem localities during the year, with issues such as from road layout at accident hotspots, speeding, HGVs in restricted areas and parking issues.
- Our Anti-Social Behaviour Officers are working in partnership with the local policing team, in tackling Anti-Social behaviour, serious organised crime and youth violence, they have achieved the following between January 2022 to December 2022:
 - There are currently 20 active cases being managed by the Anti-Social Behaviour Case Managers. 8 x youth nuisance cases, 4 x neighbour disputes, 1 individual making nuisance and unnecessary phone calls to the police and being verbally abusive and threatening to staff, 1 x perpetrator causing harassment and threatening behaviour, 1 x aggressive street beggar, 1 x prolific thief causing harassment and alarm to members of the public, 1 x property being used to deal and use drugs causing nuisance and distress to local residents and 3 street drinkers.
 - 41 CPW's (Community Protection Warning Letters) have been issued – 24 for neighbour disputes, 4 for verbal abuse and threatening behaviour, 7 for youth nuisance, 3 for street drinking & being drunk in public, 1 for urinating/defecating in public, 1 for nuisance phone calls/ ringing the police unnecessarily and being verbally abusive and threatening, and 1 for entering the grounds of a primary school and causing alarm and distress to children and staff.
 - 12 CPNs (Community Protection Notices) have been issued – 6 for youth nuisance, 1 for a neighbour dispute, 1 for urinating/defecating in public, 3 for street drinking and being drunk in public, and 1 for verbal abuse and threatening behaviour.
 - 2 CBOs (Criminal Behaviour Orders) were issued on 2 individuals who were the prolific ringleaders of a large group of youths in Bellinge, Northampton causing Anti-Social behaviour and harassment, alarm and distress to local residents and members of the public. Since the CBO's were granted there has been a marked reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour in this area of Northampton.
 - There has also been 1 independent Anti-Social Behaviour Review on a long standing and difficult case. This involved a panel of independent partners examining the evidence and speaking to the victim before reaching a decision on the case.

Between January 2022 and December 2023, we have received 6 Community Trigger Requests, 4 of these requests did not meet the threshold for a case review, 2 met the threshold and 2 case reviews were conducted, 2 case reviews resulted in recommendations being made.

Daventry and South Northants Locality:

- In Daventry Operation Unite is addressing persistent Anti-Social behaviour from a large group of young people, which included disruption of and damage to retail premises: criminal charges have been brought against some individuals and work is ongoing to issue ABCs and CPNs to others. Away from enforcement, partners are looking at a

range of diversionary activities. We have begun working with Designated Safeguarding Leads in Daventry's schools to identify individuals in need of early intervention.

- The Southbrook Community Centre in Daventry has flourished this year, the new charity and trustees have been registered with the charity commission, official bank account has been processed, and signed West Northamptonshire Council's lease. Partnership working with The Hope Centre in Northampton and Fareshare led to the Southbrook Community Larder being established over the summer holidays to support our most vulnerable families as well as aiming to provide a consistent supply of produce at fair prices and at the same time preventing unnecessary food waste. Since opening on the 27 July, the community larder sees in excess of 80 residents a week, due to demand an evening larder started in December 2022. The trustee board in conjunction with WNC form part of Futures Housing Steering Group who meet up regularly with community and voluntary partners, local Police Community Support Officers and Daventry Town Council to discuss local issues and community cohesion.
- Held first Dementia Friendly Community Steering Group with partners, and linking in with Sue Wallace, Dementia Support Worker, Alzheimer's Society working in the iCAN team for dementia support. Promotion of Northants Police Herbert Protocol initiative.
- Community engagement for Autumn Covid Vaccinations in partnership with the NHS.
- Completion and distribution of The Daventry and District over 50's Forum Member Engagement Quarterly Newsletters to 700+ members. AGM and Public Event Forum on Wednesday 27 April at Daventry Leisure Centre, promoting partner organisations Age UK Northamptonshire, Happy @ Home Partnership/Daventry Volunteer Centre, WNC's Supporting Independence Programme, Danetre GP Surgery's Social Prescriber, Northants Fire Service, Armed Forces Network, Deafconnect, Futures Housing Beep Assist and Citizens Advice Daventry & District. Annual Christmas Tea Dance at Daventry St Augustine's Church Hall 30 November 2022.
- Continuous promotion of the Good Neighbour Schemes across the West, working in partnership with Northamptonshire ACRE to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness.
- Promotion of Action for Happiness Network and Happy Cafes
- Warm Welcoming Spaces partner working group evolved into an advisory board to help with the cost-of-living crisis, working with parish and town councils and partners in the voluntary and community sector to create a network of Warm Spaces, a group of non-judgemental, safe and welcoming places where people in West Northamptonshire can come together to stay warm. 88 spaces have registered on the directory. Successful in public health grant funding to help create/further develop spaces. Many support organisations involved including partnership working with Northants Fire Service on home fire safety visit packs.
- Rural Action Group has continued to meet virtually, although lockdown has curtailed planned activities the new Beat buses have been well received. Currently looking at a revised Action plan for rural crime.
- The annual Comfort and Joy campaign provided gifts and treats to everybody in Refuge and many others besides, through the generosity of members of the public and officers alike.

- Two new CCTV cameras installed at ASB hotspots in Towcester linked back to Omega One control room

Northampton Locality:

- Successful in Safer Streets 3 Home Office funding bid, bringing £513k into Northampton town centre specifically to improve safety of Women and Girls. The funding supported 20 specific projects, including:

Environmental improvements £291,488 – CCTV coverage of the Racecourse, ANPR in the car park, improved lighting, fencing, trimming of shrubbery and crown lifting.

Capable guardianship - £112,000 – University of Northampton student safety schemes and Park Watch schemes.

Education & Awareness - £109,722 – security packs for students and the community, bystander programmes delivered by Suzy Lamplugh Trust, community engagement events, drama and animation production, improvements to the Safer Route with new lamppost flags and campaign materials targeted at students.

- Delivered bike marking and personal safety awareness pop ups in parks under Safer Streets 3, in Northampton town centre and at Northampton hospital with a focus around the topic of violence against women and girls.
- Worked in partnership with the OPFCC and wider partnership group to create the It Only Takes One campaign for the SWAN Safer Streets bid, creating a range of resources to challenge violence and harassment, all available on a website including information on the Safer Nights Out van, Shout Up project and the Safer Route.
- Supported Police colleagues to set up Op Push in Northampton town centre, where officers and neighbourhood wardens stopped cyclists and scooter users on Abington street, to issue fixed penalty notices and confiscate illegal scooters. Delivered a safety mapping session in partnership with Free 2Talk at a priority school, engaging with 160 secondary school age young people in one morning about their experiences and understanding safe and unsafe spaces.
- Consultation completed in December 2022 to explore the gating of Francis Jetty on Bridge Street, a location with high crime data including violent crime, rape and sexual assault particularly in the night-time economy, following successful OPFCC Safer Streets 4 bid for the Town Centre.
- Street Pastor Scheme continues to operate in Northampton Town Centre, on bank holidays and pay weekends.
- Purple Flag reaccreditation scheme for the Town Centre achieved.
- Knife arch and additional policing resources jointly funded with the Office of the Police and Fire Crime Commissioner and deployed in the night-time economy during December 2021.
- Supported the first national Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week.
- Worked with Parks and Open Spaces to deliver play equipment in the Little Rec in Kingsthorpe, an area that that become very run down and a site of ASB and criminal behaviour.

- Two-week campaign against violence with the visit of the Knife Angel in May. Activities included different agencies at the Angel delivering themed sessions (including CIRV, Voice, domestic abuse agencies as well as the Community Safety Team). Two well attended major bleed control sessions were held at the Guildhall, along with an introduction to Trauma Informed Practice session, 3 sessions for parents on what to look out if their child was getting involved with gangs, an anti-violence day at Daventry and an anti-violence march followed by entertainment on the Market Square.
- The Well Northants project is taking a community-based approach to address health inequalities in West Northamptonshire focusing on those who are most vulnerable. We aim to build resilience within local communities so that people are empowered to take action together on health and the social determinants of health. And reduce the health inequalities faced by those who are most disadvantaged or excluded.

The Well Northants communities are St David's, Blackthorn and Kings Heath in Northampton. During the year community development workers have been meeting people, visiting community groups and hosting world café events to understand local priorities. The priorities have been reviewed by local communities and developed into local action plans for delivery. As part of our targeted inclusion work, we have engaged with specific communities (Sex workers and Gypsy Romany Travellers) and have started to map community needs and build actions plans to address needs.

Focus on our high crime, priority areas continues:

- Developed focused neighbourhood working groups in priority areas:

Northampton East (with smaller task & finish groups as required), Bouverie, St. David's & Kingsthorpe, Briar Hill and Castle.

Action plans have been developed through these groups that include ASB targeted enforcement around fly tipping, burglaries, car crime, theft, gang and Knife crime. Partnerships established with the schools and there is an identified focus on contextual safeguarding. Some of the activity delivered through these groups include:

- 21 partnership engagement events, working with Northampton Partnership Homes and Northamptonshire Police held.
- 18 bike marking events held, these have involved the distribution of bicycle crime prevention packs to residents and the marking of several 100's of bikes.
- Kings Heath School Wow Day. Partnership engagement event with the school which started the junior warden scheme, had environmental workshops, litter picks, bug trails etc. Gave local partners a chance to engage with the school.
- Continue to encourage target communities to report, whether that be to the police or anonymously to Crimestoppers or Fearless.
- Violence and Vulnerability Review carried out for Blackthorn and Kings Heath.
- Supported Police Operation Sceptre Week of Action against Knife Crime including a re-launch of the Knife Angel section of the Explore Northampton app to include updated information and a link to the map of bleed packs developed by charity Off the Streets.

- Supporting Chief Inspectors Force wide themed Weeks of Action, linked to matters of priority, including facilitating the launch of the Cut it Out training videos and other materials which supports hairdressers and other professionals to recognise and signpost victims of domestic abuse.
- We also worked with NNC to organise a football tournament for the attendees of the Premier Kicks sessions in Blackthorn and Hemmingwell (Wellingborough) along with the opportunity to receive input from youth workers and other youth intervention organisations during the break.
- An additional major bleed control session was held in Northampton East.

Community Funding Grants have been offered to our community and voluntary sector, many of which support the delivery of our community safety priorities and community engagement and development in our communities. More than £435,000 has been given out by West Northants in grants in the last 12 months.

Below provides some examples of the types of programmes/projects that have been funded.

1. **Rural Northants Community First Responders** (Funding to enable work in the community) Rural Northants CFR group is a self-funding not for profit charity, setup to support East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). Their role is to provide emergency assistance to those making 999 calls, whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive and to assist the ambulance crew where required. Being in a remote rural setting means ambulance response times are naturally longer than they would be for a town like Northampton. Responding to all kinds of medical emergency calls from falls to cardiac arrests, breathing difficulties to strokes.
2. **Send 4 Dads (Wellbeing Activities for Dads and their families)**
Provide activities to help improve the mental health and wellbeing of dads that have a child with special educational needs and/or a disability. Also looking to provide activities where dads can do things with their children in an environment where they feel comfortable or where the whole family can attend to help build family relations. The main aim of the group is to provide social opportunities for dads/male carers to get together with people in similar circumstances through various activities that will help improve mental health, physical health and information that will help with their family situations.
3. **Kids Aid Foundation (Long Term Therapeutic Intervention for Traumatized Children and Parents)**
To help young people lead healthier and more fulfilling lives and to ensure early years' trauma does not manifest in later life, causing more serious problems in the future. There has been a raising number of referrals being made for children experiencing critical and complex mental health difficulties. Kids Aid are currently the only charitable organisation in Northamptonshire providing this level of intervention. Consequently, the demand for their therapies continues to grow. This project has very clear and a focused approach to what they are trying to achieve and what their objectives and purpose are. Kids Aid want to break intergenerational patterns of trauma and empower families by giving them the skills to provide lasting change for themselves. The reason why the need for the service is so great is the pressure the NHS are currently facing Kids Aid are

bridging that gap to allow families to access affordable mental health support locally to them.

4. **Bellinge Community Pre-School (Improving Children's Life Chances)**

This focuses on continuity of a service that is already being delivered, therefore allowing workshops, individual support to parents and one-to-one interactions with children to support both emotional wellbeing and communication skills. Resulting in better prepared children for when it comes to transitioning to school and allowing them to prosper in their future. Programmes like this are now more important than ever, as families and children living in an area of deprivation are struggling due to factors out of their control. Overall, their aims are to create a holistic approach to work in partnership with parents, their children, and their immediate community. This instils ownership and caring which goes beyond self and family.

Resettlement Schemes

- Since September 2021, we have supported two Afghan bridging hotels in West Northants. We have worked with the residents and the communities to ensure that there has been engagement and any cohesion issues have been addressed. Local PCSOs are engaged at both locations and work with the residents, both on a drop-in basis, but also by delivering induction and awareness sessions.
- We have ensured that incidents and issues are reported and addressed – working with the police to maintain good community cohesion and to build on relationships between the residents of the hotels and the police.
- Since April 2022, we have worked as part of a multi-agency stakeholder group to discuss and address issues and concerns at Asylum Contingency hotels that have been stood up across the area – West Northants now has three hotels, run by SERCO and Clearsprings on behalf of the Home Office. Police are working at these locations and linked with WNC to pick up and address any issues and areas of concern.
- Where locations have been identified, we have worked with the police to engage with the local community and aimed to alleviate concerns and ensure factual intelligence is shared and circulated across our networks.

Future Partnership Actions

Specific pieces of work that will take place in the next 3-6 months:

- International Women's Day – 4 March 2022, plans underway, opportunity to promote violence against women and girls, offer of support.
- Delivery of improvements in the town centre funded by Safer Streets round 4 led by the OPFCC. The team will lead on the physical improvements elements of the bid including alleygating and lighting.
- Rolling out SSF4 in Bellinge & Blackthorn, installing a new CCTV camera in Blackthorn as well as re-installing 3 cameras in each area; upgrades to the underpass lighting, and

youth provision in Bellinge.

- Rolling out of works in the town centre under SSF4; to improve lighting around taxi ranks and areas off Wellingborough Road, install gates to Francis Jetty and look to improve CCTV gaps.
- Development of a secondary school programme to expand the offer of free resources (similar to the young people's animation for primary schools), that will be available across the west and will cover key subjects, identified through research and engagement, that can be delivered in an ad hoc manner to encourage critical thinking.
- Expand the Well Northants programme to include Southbrook locality in Daventry
- Set up a Neighbourhood Working Group in St Georges Ward
- The implementation of the Serious Violence Duty, which places a statutory duty on the partnership to deliver a serious violence needs assessment and action plan to tackle violence in all its forms.
- Work closely with and support the Integrated Care Partnership with the roll out of the Local Area Partnerships, building on the existing community engagement networks and neighbourhood, multi-agency partnerships and initiatives that are already established through the work of the CSP.

6. Summary

The CSP continues to work closely with partner agencies, including the Police, the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Youth Offending Service, the Fire Service, University of Northampton, Housing Providers, Probation Service, Health and Community and Voluntary and Faith Organisations to deliver activities that will tackle our strategic priorities and deliver improved outcomes for our communities across West Northants.

The CSP Strategy will be published on our website, the strategy will be a live document and activities, performance and progress will be updated at least quarterly.

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West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-2023

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

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

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee's comments
Communities and Opportunities Directorate	The Committee to receive a presentation regarding the Communities and Opportunities Directorate and how Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee can have an input into its work.	<p>date: 17 May 2022</p> <p>date: 5 December 2022</p> <p>Date: 7 February 2023 - Northampton Local Plan Part 2.</p> <p>In addition, one single Local Plan for the whole of Northamptonshire would be developed and would be submitted to the appropriate Scrutiny Committees for consideration</p>	Director for Communities and Opportunities	TBC	
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth) including other main town progress /Review		<p>31 January 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5</p>	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of congestion, including	<p>Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022.</p>

		<p>December 2022- M&S and BHS Development</p> <p>7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development</p>	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	parking and incorporating consideration of air quality and options for sustainable transport / active travel	<p>(Meeting 12 September 2022)</p> <p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&S and BHS Development</p> <p>21 March 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development</p>
Highways Contract to include economies of scale	To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.	<p>31 August 2021 (taken place)</p> <p>The Committee to consider the content of the scope of the Joint Scrutiny Review 18 October 2022 meeting - Oversight Group to be convened</p> <p>The Oversight Group will report to the Committee at each meeting</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	A Joint Task and Finish Group with Corp OSC to look at the Highways contract	<p>A joint Highways Oversight Group with Corporate OSC is being convened.</p> <p>The Group has commenced its scrutiny activity</p>
WNC waste strategy And Waste management Contracts	The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards.	date: 18 October 2022	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	Yes - A cabinet Group has been convened	

Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	29 March 2022 (taken place) The Oversight Group will provide further information to the meetings of the Committee – to be scheduled	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	Yes, this work would take around 6- 12 months.	Information gathering to be provided to the Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2022 and a Task and Finish Group to be inaugurated. Councillor Bagott- Webb to Chair.
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	26 January 2022 (taken place) 7 February 2023	Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement, and Regulatory Services Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		To receive a report from the Chair of the CSP each year.
Flood Risk Management	The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy	31 January 2022 (taken place) 7 February 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	29 March 2022 (taken place) 18 April 2023 - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to receive the draft fly-tipping policy for scrutiny input.	The Committee could consider the reporting mechanisms, clearance and enforcement when providing input Completed 2/3/22 18/4/23 The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan

Items to be scheduled					
Libraries	The Cabinet Member and Assistant Director to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries	date: 17 May 2022 completed Further report to be received at a later meeting: Date TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	TBC	From the briefing the Committee will decide how it can undertake scrutiny activity into this topic
Sustainability Strategy	To provide Scrutiny input into the Sustainability Strategy	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	
West Northamptonshire Travel/Infrastructure Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Strategy, including footpath and cycleways, timescales and funding	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
Assets Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Assets Strategy	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
Economic Strategy	The Committee to consider the Council's Economic Strategy	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth	To be confirmed	

			Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		
The Council's Carbon Programme	The Committee to review the Council's Carbon Programme	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	It is Important that the Carbon programme does not conflict with air quality – low emissions approach favoured. The Committee may want to consider an 'internal' carbon review and separately an 'external' review The internal review would concentrate on buildings, fleet, WNC-own energy, procurement and (probably) ICT.
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	Performance Monitoring Reports will be taken from the Cabinet agenda for Place Scrutiny to consider
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built		

			Environment & Rural Affairs		
COMPLETED ITEMS					

Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 21 March 2023
- 18 April

Development of Overview and Scrutiny work programmes for 2022/23

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