

West Northamptonshire Council

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/2023

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

Title	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Pay and Grading Review	To provide scrutiny input to the Pay and Grading Review	<p><b>16 January 2023 Meeting Taken Place</b></p> <p><b>12 July 2023 (date to be confirmed) - Further scrutiny input into the Pay and Grading Review</b></p>	<p>Cabinet Member for HR &amp; Corporate Services</p> <p>Executive Director – Corporate Services and Assistant Director – Human Resources</p>	No - Whole Committee	<p>The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the Pay and Grading Review</p>
Budget Scrutiny	The Committee to confirm its budget scrutiny process and undertake budget scrutiny of the Council's budget 2023/24	<p><b>12 October 2022</b> – The Committee to consider its budget scrutiny process</p> <p><b>7 November 2022 - Children's Trust Budget</b></p> <p><b>Budget Scrutiny to continue over a number of meetings: Task and Finish Group meetings commencing in January 2023 COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>12 July 2023 (date to be confirmed) – The Committee to agree its budget scrutiny process for 23/24</b></p>	Executive Director for Finance	No	<p>The Committee to confirm its budget scrutiny process and undertake budget scrutiny of the Council's budget 2023/24 - Task and Finish Group meetings scheduled for January 2023 COMPLETED</p> <p><b>12 July 2023 – The Committee to agree its budget scrutiny process for 23/24</b></p>

Modernising Systems	The Committee to receive information regarding systems at the Council and to consider their value for money	<p>15 March 2022 - A report to the Committee providing background information, to assist the committee in deciding how it will undertake scrutiny activity</p> <p>Modernising Systems Inquiry day(s) have been programmed from September 2022 onwards</p> <p><b>Reports to Committee November 2022 onwards. The Committee will conclude its scrutiny activity in April 2023 and report to the meeting of the Committee 15 May 2023</b></p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Executive Director - Corporate</p>	To be confirmed	<p>The meeting on 15 March 2022 comprised a comprehensive question and answer session (Scrutiny Inquiry) to inform a potential scrutiny review.</p> <p>The Modernising Systems Task and Finish Group is evidence gathering and will conclude its work early in 2023.</p>
Quarterly Budget Monitoring Reports	The Committee to receive regular budget monitoring reports at its meetings	<p><b>12 October 2022</b></p> <p><b>16 January 2023 Taken place</b></p> <p><b>7 March 2023</b></p> <p><b>15 May 2023</b></p> <p><b>12 July 2023 (dates to be confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>18 September 2023</b></p> <p><b>24 January 2024</b></p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Executive Director for Finance</p>	No	To receive a quarterly budget monitoring report which will inform the budget scrutiny role of this Committee.
Quarterly reports on the MTFP	The Committee to receive regular MTFP monitoring reports at its meetings	<p><b>12 October 2022</b></p> <p>16 January 2023 Taken place</p> <p><b>7 March 2023</b></p> <p><b>15 May 2023</b></p> <p><b>12 July 2023 (dates to be confirmed)</b></p> <p><b>18 September 2023</b></p> <p><b>24 January 2024</b></p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Executive Director for Finance</p>	No	To receive a quarterly budget MTFP report which will inform the budget scrutiny role of this Committee.

Transformation Projects	The Committee to review transformation projects: Definition of the Transformation Projects Spend on transformation Savings	7 March 2023	Leader of the Council and the Executive Director – Corporate and the Head of Transformation delivery	No	
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	<b>12 October 2022</b> 16 January 2023 Taken place  <b>15 May 2023</b> <b>12 July 2023 (dates to be confirmed)</b> <b>18 September 2023</b> <b>24 January 2024</b>	Leader of the Council  Assistant Chief Executive	No	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny
The Children’s Trust Budget	The Committee to receive a briefing on the Children’s Trust budget	15 September 2021 <b>actioned</b>  <b>7 November 2022 - Budget Scrutiny - Actioned</b>  <b>Further meeting TBC</b> To consider the Business Plan for the Children’s Trust	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 received a briefing on the Children’s Trust Budget at its September 2021 and November 2022 meeting and resolved to receive the business plan for scrutiny input at a future meeting  <b>Further meeting dates TBC</b>

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny annual report 2022/23	The Committee to receive the annual report 2023/24 for Corporate OSC.	<b>15 May 2023</b>	Chair - Corporate OSC		
“Wicked Issues”	To undertake scrutiny activity of wicked issues	<b>Date : 7 March 2023</b>	Leader of the Council together with the Executive Director – Corporate and Assistant Chief Executive		

LAPs (local area partnerships)	The Committee to review and provide scrutiny input into the funding of LAPs	<b>Date: 7 March 2023</b>	Cabinet Member fir Adult Care, Wellbeing, and Health Integration for together with the Delivery Director for Health & Care Integration		
Asset Management	To undertake scrutiny activity of asset management	15 March 2022 - The Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake this scrutiny activity <b>Actioned</b>  A presentation to be given to the Committee at its meeting 10 May 2022 and from there the Committee will consider Scrutiny work into this	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	To be confirmed	It was resolved that the Sustainability Working Group is asked to report back to a future meeting regarding the alignment of workstreams around the development of the new Asset Management
<b>Completed</b>					
Revenues and Benefits Performance Update	The Committee to receive and review the performance of the Council's Revenues and Benefits Service.	<b>16 January 2023 COMPLETED</b>	Cabinet Member for Finance  Executive Director for Finance and Assistant Director for Revenues and Benefits	No – whole Committee	The Committee to receive and review the performance of the Council's Revenues and Benefits Service.  Update <b>COMPLETED</b> the transformation plans for the Revenues and Benefits Service and progress made to date were supported.

Treasury Management	To scrutinise treasury management focusing on efficiencies – forward looking	<p>15 March 2022 – The Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake this scrutiny activity</p> <p>Prior to the setting up of the Task and Finish Group a briefing will be scheduled on Treasury management that will provide important information to Councillors. <b>ACTIONED.</b></p> <p>The Task and Finish Group commenced its work in June 2022</p> <p>4 July 2022 - The Task and Finish Group presented its scope (Terms of reference) for consideration by the Committee. <b>Actioned</b></p> <p><b>16 January 2023</b> – The Chair of the Task and Finish Group to present the final report to the Committee. <b>Actioned</b></p>	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Yes	<p>A Task and Finish Group will carry out a review.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group commenced in June 2022 and presented its scope to the meeting of the committee on 4 July 2022</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group has concluded its work and will provide its report to the Committee early in 2023</p> <p>COMPLETED - The Committee received the report at its January 2023 meeting</p>
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#### Potential cross-cutting themes for the Scrutiny Committees

Major Contracts and Capital Contracts	The Committee together with Place and People Scrutiny Committees to undertake scrutiny of major contracts of the Council including the Children’s Trust	Corporate, People and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Housing	The Committee, together with Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake scrutiny activity of the housing costs and social value	Corporate and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	

#### Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting dates in 2022/23

- 6 March 2023
- 15 May
- Further dates to be confirmed