

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-2023

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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   |
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| <b>Local Plan for West Northamptonshire</b>  | The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire at various stages | <b>Date: 15 June 2023</b>   | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br><br>Planning Policy Manager<br>Cabinet Member for Planning    | The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire over a series of meetings  |  |
| <b>Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review</b> |  | 31 January 2022 (taken place)<br><br><b>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&amp;S and BHS Development</b><br><br><b>7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&amp;S and BHS Development - APPROVED - added as a separate work plan item below:</b> | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste | The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of congestion, including parking and incorporating consideration of air quality and options for sustainable transport / active travel | <b>Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 12 September 2022)</b><br><br><b>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&amp;S and BHS Development</b><br><br><b>7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in</b> |

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|  |   |  |  |  | <b>the M&amp;S and BHS Development - APPROVED</b>  |
| <b>M&amp;S and BHS Development</b>                     | To provide scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS development at Northampton | <b>The evidence gathering for this Scrutiny activity will commence with site visits to various comparable developments.</b><br><br><b>Dates to be agreed.</b>  | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste<br>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs<br>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth | The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS Development over a series of meetings |  |
| <b>Highways Contract to include economies of scale</b> | To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.              | 31 August 2021 (taken place)<br><br>The Committee to consider the content of the scope of the Joint Scrutiny Review <b>18 October 2022 meeting - Oversight Group to be convened</b><br><br><b>The Chair of the Oversight Group will report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update:</b><br><br><b>21 March 2023/18 April 2023</b> | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste   | A Joint Task and Finish Group with Corp OSC to look at the Highways contract                         | <b>A joint Highways Oversight Group with Corporate OSC is being convened.</b><br><br>The Group has commenced its scrutiny activity |
| <b>Sustainability Strategy/Net Zero</b>                | To provide Scrutiny input into the Sustainability Strategy                | <b>Date: 21 March 2023 (taken place)</b>   | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment  | To be confirmed  |  |

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|  |   |   | Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste  |   |  |
| <b>WNC waste strategy And Waste management Contracts</b> | The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards. | <p><b>date: 18 October 2022</b></p> <p><b>NB: A working group has been set up (outside the O&amp;S process) - The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting:</b></p> <p><b>21 March 2023</b><br/><b>18 April 2023</b></p> | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste     | Yes - A cabinet Group has been convened               |  |
| <b>Active Travel</b>                                     | To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel   | <p><b>29 March 2022 (taken place)</b></p> <p><b>The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update:</b></p> <p><b>15 June 2023</b></p>   | Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste<br><br>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment | <b>Yes, this</b> work would take around 6- 12 months. | Information gathering to be provided to the Committee at its meeting on 29 March 2022 and a Task and Finish Group to be inaugurated. Councillor Bagott- Webb to Chair.   |
| The Council's Carbon Programme/Net Zero                  | The Committee to review the Council's Carbon Programme  | <b>21 March 2023 (taken place)</b>  | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste     |   | 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. It is important that the Carbon Programme does not conflict with air quality - low emissions approach favoured |

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| <b>Libraries</b>                                  | The Cabinet Member and Assistant Director to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries | <b>date: 17 May 2022 completed</b><br><b>Further report to be received at a later meeting for scrutiny input:</b><br><b>Date:18 April 2023</b> | 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 |
| Broadband Contract                                | To monitor and review the broadband contract   | <b>18 April 2023</b>   | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs |     |  |
| <b>Home to School Transport Policy</b>            | The Committee to consider and provide Scrutiny input in to the proposed changes to the Home to School Policy                 | <b>18 April 2023</b>   | Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste<br><br>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment        |     |  |
| Place Overview and Scrutiny annual report 2022/23 | The Committee to receive the annual report 2023/24 for Place OSC.  | <b>15 June 2023</b>  | Chair Place OSC   |     |  |
| <b>Crime and Disorder Scrutiny</b>                | The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)                       | 26 January 2022 (taken place)<br><b>7 February 2023 (taken Place)</b><br><b>11 September 2023</b>  | Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement, and Regulatory Services           |     | To receive a report from the Chair of the CSP each year.   |

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|  |  |  | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment  |   |   |
| <b>Flood Risk Management</b>                         | The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy  | 31 January 2022 (taken place)<br><br><b>7 February 2023 (taken place)</b><br><b>11 September 2023</b>  | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment<br>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste     |   | To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England   |
| <b>Items to be scheduled</b>                         |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Tree Policy</b>                                   | The Committee to receive Cabinet's response to the O&S report – Tree Policy and monitor the implementation of the accepted recommendations       | <b>Date: TBC</b>   |  |   |   |
| <b>Fly tipping</b>                                   | To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action | <b>29 March 2022 (taken place)</b><br><br><b>21 March 2023</b> - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan <b>(taken place)</b><br><br><b>Date: TBC: That the Committee provide further input into the Policy in 12 months' time. (approximately March 2024)</b> | Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste<br><br>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 <b>2/3/22</b><br><br><b>21/3/23</b> The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan (taken place) |
| 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<br>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre  | To be confirmed   |   |

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|                                 |   |   | Regeneration and Growth<br>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment   |                 |   |
| 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<br>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<br>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth<br>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment | To be confirmed |   |
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| Performance Monitoring Report   | The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny | The Chair to contact the Chair of Corporate OSC to ask then when this Committee scrutinises performance management that, if applicable, any issues under Place OSC are referred to this Committee for Consideration<br><br><b>Date: TBC</b> | 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  | The Chair to contact the Chair of Corporate OSC to ask then when this Committee   | Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet   | No              |   |

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|                        |  | scrutinises performance management that, if applicable, any issues under Place OSC are referred to this Committee for Consideration<br><br><b>Date: TBC</b> | Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed |  |  |
| <b>COMPLETED ITEMS</b> |  |   |   |  |  |

**Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

- 18 April 2023
- 15 June - TBC

**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.