

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-2023

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

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee's comments
Local Plan for West Northamptonshire	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire at various stages	Date: 21 June 2023 Further meeting dates to be agreed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Planning Policy Manager Cabinet Member for Planning	The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire over a series of meetings	
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review		31 January 2022 (taken place) Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&S and BHS Development 7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development - APPROVED - added as a separate work plan item below:	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment 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	Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 12 September 2022) Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December 2022- M&S and BHS Development 7 February 2023 - The Committee to consider its scope for Scrutiny input in the M&S and BHS Development - APPROVED

<p>M&S and BHS Development</p>	<p>To provide scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS development at Northampton</p>	<p>The evidence gathering for this Scrutiny activity will commence with site visits to various comparable developments.</p> <p>Dates to be agreed.</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the M&S and BHS Development over a series of meetings</p>	
<p>Highways Contract to include economies of scale</p>	<p>To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.</p>	<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 Chair of the Oversight Group will report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update:</p> <p>21 March 2023/18 April 2023/June 2023</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>A Joint Task and Finish Group with Corp OSC to look at the Highways contract</p>	<p>A joint Highways Oversight Group with Corporate OSC is being convened.</p> <p>The Group has commenced its scrutiny activity</p>
<p>Waste and Resources Strategy Members Working</p>	<p>The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group</p>	<p>date: 18 October 2022</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	<p>Yes - A Member Group has been convened</p>	

Group	would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards. A member group was convened and the Chair provides regular updates to Place OSC	NB: A working group has been set up (outside the O&S process) - The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting: 21 March 2023 18 April 2023 21 June 2023	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		
WNC draft Waste Strategy	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the draft Waste Strategy	Date: 21 June 2023			
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	29 March 2022 (taken place) The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update: 21 June 2023	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.
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 for scrutiny input: Date:18 April 2023 April 2024 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
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	18 April 2023 – Taken place April 2024 TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built		

			Environment & Rural Affairs		
Home to School Transport Policy	The Committee to consider and provide Scrutiny input in to the proposed changes to the Home to School Policy	18 April 2023 April 2024 – TBC	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste 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.	21 June 2023	Chair Place OSC		
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 (taken Place) 11 September 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 (taken place) 11 September 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
Items to be scheduled					

Tree Policy	The Committee to receive Cabinet's response to the O&S report – Tree Policy and monitor the implementation of the accepted recommendations	Date: TBC			
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	<p>29 March 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>21 March 2023 - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan (taken place)</p> <p>Date: TBC: That the Committee provide further input into the Policy in 12 months' time. (approximately March 2024)</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	The Committee to receive the draft fly-tipping policy for scrutiny input.	<p>The Committee could consider the reporting mechanisms, clearance and enforcement when providing input Completed 2/3/22</p> <p>21/3/23 The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan (taken place)</p>
West Northamptonshire Travel/Infrastructure Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Strategy, including footpath and cycleways, timescales and funding	To be confirmed	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p> <p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	To be confirmed	
Assets Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Assets Strategy	To be confirmed	<p>Leader of the Council – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs</p> <p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	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 Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
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 Date: TBC	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 scrutinises performance management that, if applicable, any issues under Place OSC are referred to this Committee for Consideration Date: TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	

Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 21 June 2023
- 11 September
- 15 January 2024
- 15 April .