

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-2024

	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	
Sport and Leisure needs assessment	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Sports and Leisure needs assessment	Date: TBC -	Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture & Leisure, and the Healthy Communities Manager	TBC or the Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the Needs Assessment at a formal meeting	
Leisure Strategy (including the Playing Pitch Strategy)	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Leisure Strategy (including the Playing Pitch Strategy)	Date: TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture & Leisure, and the Healthy Communities Manager	The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the draft Strategy at a formal meeting, prior to its submission to Cabinet	
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including		31 January 2022 (taken place)	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to	Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan

<p>other main town progress /Review</p>		<p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 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 - APPROVED - added as a separate work plan item below:</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>undertake a review of congestion, including parking and incorporating consideration of air quality and options for sustainable transport / active travel</p>	<p>would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 12 September 2022)</p> <p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 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 - APPROVED</p>
<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 and added to the Work Programme</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>Regeneration and Culture of Northampton Town Centre</p>	<p>a) To investigate the regeneration of the town centre , regarding a place to work</p>	<p>To be considered towards the end of 2023 by the Committee - date TBC</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		

	b) To have a focus on the gateways to Northampton		Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment and Rural Affairs Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth		
Highways Contract to include economies of scale	To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.	31 August 2021 (taken place) The Committee to consider the content of the scope of the Joint Scrutiny Review 18 October 2022 meeting - Oversight Group to be convened The Chair of the Oversight Group will report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update: 21 March 2023/18 April 2023/June 2023	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	A Joint Task and Finish Group with Corp OSC to look at the Highways contract	A joint Highways Oversight Group with Corporate OSC is being convened. The Group has commenced its scrutiny activity
Waste and Resources Strategy Members Working Group	The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards. A member group was convened and the Chair provides regular updates to Place OSC	date: 18 October 2022 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:	Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Chair of the Waste and Resources Strategy	Yes - A Member Group has been convened and the Chair provides a progress update to each meeting	

		<p>21 March 2023 - Taken Place - 18 April 2023 – Taken place 21 June 2023 – Taken place 11 September 2023 15 January 15 April</p>	Members Working Group.		
WNC draft Waste Strategy	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the draft Waste Strategy	<p>Date: 21 June 2023</p> <p>11 September 2023 (short presentation in conjunction with the update from the Chair of the Waste and Resources Strategy Members Working Group</p>			The final draft of the Waste Strategy to be considered by the Committee prior to its submission to Cabinet at its October 2023 meeting
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	<p>29 March 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>The Chair of the Oversight Group to report to the Committee at each meeting when there is an update:</p> <p>21 June 2023 – taken place 11 September 2023 15 January 15 April</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>	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	<p>date: 17 May 2022 completed</p> <p>Further report to be received at a later meeting for scrutiny input:</p> <p>Date:18 April 2023 Taken place</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure</p>	No	The Committee to provide further scrutiny input at its meeting in April 2024

Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	Date: 15 April 2024 18 April 2023 – Taken place Date: 15 April 2024	Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs	No	The Committee to provide further scrutiny input at its meeting in April 2024
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 Date 15 April 2024 – TBC	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	
Place Overview and Scrutiny annual report 2022/23	The Committee to receive the annual report 2022/23 for Place OSC.	21 June 2023 - taken place	Chair Place OSC		
Place Overview and Scrutiny annual report 2023/2024	The Committee to receive the annual report 2023/24 for Place OSC.	Date: June 2024 (date to be confirmed)	Chair, Place OSC	No	
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	7 February 2023 (taken Place) 15 April 2024	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	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
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	21 March 2023 - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan (taken place) The Committee provide further input into the Policy in 12 months' time. Date: 15 April 2024	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment	The Committee to provide further scrutiny input into the Policy (April 2024)	The Committee could consider the reporting mechanisms, clearance and enforcement when providing input Completed 2/3/22 21/3/23 The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan (taken place)
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			
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 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	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	

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Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2023/2024

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