

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022

This work programme comprises a number of key issues and topics to inform the short-term work programme for 2021 -2022. Longer term reviews and topics are also listed which will be considered at the work programming event that the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will host in the autumn 2021.

Short Term Work Programme 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
North West Relief Road	To review the funding gap for the project; To monitor the current processes including quality and change	31 August 2021	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	
The Council's Tree Policy	To provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire	31 August 2021 – The Committee to consider whether to set up Scrutiny Inquiry day - "what Members/the public want from a tree policy"	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	No	The Committee to provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire. The Committee may want to hold a Scrutiny Inquiry "what Members/the public want from a tree policy" and feed this information into the draft Tree Policy.
Work Programming Event	The Committee to confirm the date for its Work Programming event	31 August 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Leader (and Cabinet Member for Strategy) Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth	No	

			<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs</p>		
Town Centre Regeneration/Review	To review regeneration of the town centre, including culture	1 November 2021	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p>	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of the town centre regeneration	The Task and Finish Group could scope its Review at its inaugural meeting and present its Terms of Reference (scope) to the meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 December 2021 for approval
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	1 November 2021	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs</p>		
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth)	To review the Northampton Town Plan and how this fits with the Northampton Transport and Highways Strategy. The review to include congestion and parking with Northampton Town Centre	1 November 2021	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	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	The Task and Finish Group could scope its Review at its inaugural meeting and present its Terms of Reference (scope) to the meeting of the Place Overview and Scrutiny

				and options for sustainable transport / active travel	Committee on 21 December 2021 for approval
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 December 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	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
Farthinghoe Bypass	To receive an update on the Farthinghoe Bypass for Scrutiny input.	21 December 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		

Potential Longer-Term Work Programme topics 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Highways Contract	To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.	Date to be confirmed before December 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed.	A workshop is being organised within the service area regarding the contract; potentially the Committee could be invited to attend the workshop.
Waste Disposal Contract	To investigate how waste is dealt with, including the harmonisation of green waste.	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	This review could concentrate on a number of issues; and Scrutiny could concentrate on one specifically: Garden waste charging Dry Recyclable treatment options Residual waste
Bus Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Bus Strategy	To be confirmed	Leader of the Council	To be confirmed	

			Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth 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 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	
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.
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Potential regular items for inclusion on the Work Programme 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).	21 December 2021	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.
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	31 August 2021 26 October 2021 21 December 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	26 October 2021 21 December 2021 22 February 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	
Flood Risk Management	The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy	26 October 2021	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England

			Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022	The Committee to consider its Annual Report 2021/2022 for submission to full Council for information	22 February 2022	The Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny	No	

Potential cross-cutting themes for the Scrutiny Committees

Topic	Proposed purpose	Committees to be involved in this review	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Skills Strategy	To provide a scrutiny coordinating role, working with universities, schools (and parents), colleges and businesses	To be confirmed by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Apprenticeships	To review apprenticeships within the organisation, including the Apprenticeship Levy, and levels of apprenticeships, for example: technical and graduate.	To be confirmed by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Home to School Transport	To review home to school transport	To be confirmed by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To include information regarding new housing developments to enable safe walking routes Schools admissions policy Home to school transport
Emergency Planning for Events	To consider emergency planning processes and procedures for events	To be confirmed by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group	Director for Corporate Services	To be confirmed	