

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 Date: 11 September 2023 Date: 31 January 2024		The Committee will provide Scrutiny input into the Local Plan for West Northamptonshire over a series of meetings	
Sport and Leisure needs assessment Agenda item: Active Lives Strategy development (April 2024 meeting)	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Sports and Leisure needs assessment	Date: 15 April 2024	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) Agenda Item: Active Lives Strategy development (April 2024 meeting)	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the Leisure Strategy (including the Playing Pitch Strategy)	Date: 15 April 2024	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) Update to the Committee at its meeting on 5 December	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	The Committee to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of	Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan

<p>other main town progress /Review</p>		<p>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 - COMPLETED</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<p>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. COMPLETED</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 (Northampton)</p>	<p>a) To investigate the regeneration of the town centre , regarding a place to work</p>	<p>Date 31 January 2024 – Northampton Town Centre - Cultural Officer</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		<p>31 January 2024 meeting</p>

Town Centre Cultural Offer)	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 31 January 2024	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	

		21 March 2023 to 11 September 2023 - completed 31 January 2024	Members Working Group.		
WNC draft Waste Strategy	The Committee to provide scrutiny input into the draft Waste Strategy	Date: 21 June 2023 - 11 September 2023 31 January 2024			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	29 March 2022 – 15 April 2023 (taken place) 31 January 2024	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 an Oversight 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 Date:18 April 2023 Taken place COMPLETED	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	No	The Committee to provide further scrutiny input at its meeting in April 2024 Now complete
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	18 April 2023 – Taken place COMPLETED	Executive Director for Place, Economy, and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs	No	COMPLETED

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 31 January 2024	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	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 and 11 September 2023 (taken place) September 2024	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: Progress Report 15 April 2024			
West Northamptonshire Travel/Infrastructure Strategy	To provide scrutiny input into the Strategy, including footpath and cycleways, timescales, and funding	Date: 17 June 2024	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	Date: 17 June 2024	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	Date: 16 September 2024	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
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Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2023/2024

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