

## West Northamptonshire Council

### People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

This work programme comprises a number of key issues and topics to inform the short term work programme for 2021/22. Potential longer term reviews and topics are also listed, which will be considered at the Work Programming event that the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will hold in autumn 2021.

#### Short Term Work Programme 2021/22

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Residential and nursing care for older people	The Committee to receive an overview of current provision and planning towards meeting future needs.	20 July 2021	Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	No	
Integrated Care System / Integrated Care across Northamptonshire (iCAN)	The Committee to receive an overview of the aims of the Northamptonshire ICS and iCAN, and plans for implementation.	20 July 2021	Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	No	The formal creation of the ICS on 1 April 2022 will be a step-change in health and social care provision and could inform other aspects of the Work Programme.
Integrated Care across Northamptonshire (iCAN)	The Committee to scrutinise progress made with the development of iCAN and the position on key risk factors.	21 September 2021	Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	Not proposed at this point.	The scheduling of scrutiny reflects the role of iCAN in contributing to managing potential winter pressures.
West Northamptonshire Anti-Poverty Strategy	The Committee to receive an update on progress with the development of the Strategy.	21 September 2021	Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	No	

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Northamptonshire children's services performance	The Committee to receive an update on the Ofsted monitoring visit in July 2021 that will focus on children with child protection plans and with children in need plans.	21 September 2021	Director of Children's Services Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education Chief Executive, Children's Trust	Not proposed at this point.	
Task and finish scrutiny review: child and adolescent mental health and the risk of self-harm	The Committee to consider the scope for a review of this topic and establish a scrutiny panel for this purpose.	21 September 2021	Relevant input can be sought on the proposed scope for the review before it is finalised.	Yes	The Committee agreed on 21 September 2021 that further consideration should be given to the scope for the proposed scrutiny review, to take into account the establishment of another task-and-finish panel on the iCAN programme.
Work Programming Event	The Committee to confirm the date for its Work Programming event.	21 September 2021	Relevant directors and Cabinet Members will be invited to the event.	NA	
Residential and nursing care for older people	The Committee to scrutinise trends relating to performance and capacity of current care homes.	16 November 2021	Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration	Not proposed at this point.	
Task and finish scrutiny review: child and adolescent mental health and the risk of self-harm	The Committee to confirm the scope for the review.	16 November 2021	Relevant input can be sought on the proposed scope for the review before it is finalised.	Yes	

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Northamptonshire children's services performance	<p>The Committee to receive an update covering the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional measures to further improve recruitment and retention of social workers</li> <li>• Achieving consistently good quality practice for all children, supported by full implementation of the practice model</li> <li>• Outcomes of the Ofsted monitoring visit due to take place in November 2021.</li> </ul>	25 January 2022	<p>Director of Children's Services  Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education  Chief Executive, Children's Trust</p>	Not proposed at this point.	
West Northamptonshire Anti-Poverty Strategy	The Committee to receive an update on progress with the adoption and implementation of the Strategy.	25 January / 1 March 2022	<p>Executive Director Adults, Communities and Wellbeing  Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Wellbeing and Health Integration</p>	Not proposed at this point.	
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022	The Committee to consider the Annual Report on its activity in 2021/2022, for submission to Full Council.	1 March 2022	NA	No	

### Other items for inclusion in the Work Programme 2021/22

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee meeting	Cabinet Member / Executive Director / other senior leader	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Comments
Task and finish scrutiny review: iCAN programme	To scrutinise the delivery of iCAN programme outcomes, linked to the gateway review points in the contract.	To be confirmed – subject to the scope agreed for the scrutiny review.	To be confirmed	Yes	The Committee agreed on 21 September 2021 to carry out a scrutiny review of this topic.
Provision of free broadband to young people leaving local authority care.	To investigate the feasibility of providing one year's free broadband to young people leaving care in West Northamptonshire.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	The Full Council meeting on 23 September 2021 referred a motion on this topic to the Committee, to consider the issues involved.

### Potential Longer Term Work Programme topics 2021/22

The Committee has identified other topics in addition to those set out above as potential areas for future scrutiny within its longer term work programme. These will be fed into the work programming event on 21 October 2021 for further consideration. The potential topics identified are as follows:

- Children's social care outcomes achieved
- Foster care provision
- Homelessness
- Joblessness
- Current and future provision of sports and leisure facilities in West Northamptonshire
- Pupil performance at Key Stage 2
- Engagement with the Regional Schools Commissioner about supporting improved attainment in schools that are converted to academies
- Disabled Facilities Grant utilisation
- Response to / recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Performance monitoring of relevant service areas against outcomes in business plans and key performance indicators
- Youth provision and youth space