West Northamptonshire Council

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022

Items suggested for inclusion on the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the Committee's consideration

Topic	Proposed purpose	Proposed by	Cabinet Member and	Proposed Task and	Committee's comments
			Executive Director	Finish Group	
People Strategy	To provide scrutiny input to	Assistant Director – Human	Cabinet Member for HR		
	the 50 key actions contained	Resources	& Corporate Services		
	within the People Strategy				
		Cabinet Member for HR &	Executive Director –		
	Proposed timescale	Corporate Services	Corporate Services and		
			Assistant Director –		
	Starting from April/May 2022		Human Resources		
	to				

	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee	Cabinet Member and	Proposed Task and	Comments
		meeting	Executive Director	Finish Group	
Social Values Act 2013	The Committee to receive a		To be determined	No but following	The Committee to receive a
	briefing on the Social Values	15 September 2021		the briefing the	briefing on the Social Values
	Act 2013			Committee may	Act 2013 and the
		15 March 2022 – Further		consider setting up	procurement of contracts,
		information to be provided to		a Task and Finish	contract management and
		the Committee, and the		Group	social value to enable
		representative leading on social			Members to decide on how
		value to be invited to address			it will undertake further
		the Committee			scrutiny activity on that
					topic.
Contract management	To receive a presentation on	15 September 2021	Executive Director	No	Highlighted at the first
and procurement	contract monitoring and		Finance and Head of		meeting as an area of
	procurement and the links into		Procurement		interest with particular
	Social Value				reference to social value
The Children's Trust	The Committee to receive a			No but following	The Committee to receive a
Budget	briefing on the Children's Trust	15 September 2021	Cabinet Member for	the briefing the	briefing on the Children's
	budget		Finance	Committee may	Trust Budget to enable
			Executive Director for	consider setting up	Members to decide on
			Finance	a Task and Finish	how it will undertake further
				Group	scrutiny activity on that

Work Programming Event	The Committee to confirm the date for its Work Programming event	15 September 2021	Executive Director for Finance Cabinet Members to be invited to the work programme event	No	
Schools Budgets	To receive a briefing on the way schools need funding and how this is calculated	15 November 2021	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Not at the meeting on 15 November 2021, The Committee may consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of school's budgets	The meeting on 15 November2021 will comprise a comprehensive question and answer session (Scrutiny Inquiry) to inform a potential scrutiny review
Draft West Northamptonshire Council budget 2022- 2023	To provide scrutiny input into the draft budget	15 November 2021 – briefing on the budget process was provided 12 January 2022; and further additional meetings of the Committee to be scheduled as required.	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	To be confirmed	Budget scrutiny is a key role of this Committee. The Committee could decide on which budgets it would scrutinise in-depth at a later meeting (to be set)
Expenses Policy	To review the Council's expenses policy	12 January 2022 – The Task and Finish Group to present its scope (Terms of reference) for consideration by the Committee	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Yes	A Task and Finish Group will carry out a short sharp review

Treasury Management	To scrutinise treasury management focussing on efficiencies – forward looking	15 March 2022 – The Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake this scrutiny activity Prior to the setting up of the Task and Finish Group a briefing will be scheduled on Treasury management that will provide important information to Councillors	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Yes	A Task and Finish Group will carry out a review
Asset Management	To undertake scrutiny activity of asset management	15 March 2022 - The Committee to set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake this scrutiny activity	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	Yes	A Task and Finish Group will carry out a review
Modernising Systems	The Committee to receive information regarding systems at the Council and to consider their value for money		Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	To be confirmed	The meeting on 15 March 2022 will comprise a comprehensive question and answer session (Scrutiny Inquiry) to inform a potential scrutiny review.

NB: The Committee resolved at its meeting on 15 November 2021: Given due consideration to the carried motions relevant to the remit of Corporate OSC be noted.

Regular items for inclusion on the Work Programme 2021/2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of Committee	Cabinet Member and	Proposed Task and Finish	Comments
		meeting	Executive Director	Group	
Quarterly Budget Monitoring	The Committee to receive	15 September 2021	Cabinet Member for	No	To receive a budget
Reports	regular budget monitoring	15 November	Finance		monitoring reports to each
	reports at its meetings	18 January 2022	Executive Director for		meeting which will inform the
		15 March 2022	Finance		budget scrutiny role of this
					Committee.

Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	15 September 2021 15 November 18 January 2022 15 March 2022	Cabinet Member for Finance Executive Director for Finance	No	
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	15 November 18 January 2022 15 March 2022	Executive Director Finance and relevant Cabinet Members dependent upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	
Transformation Projects	The Committee to review transformation projects: Definition of the Transformation Projects Spend on transformation Savings	15 November 2021 18 January 2022 15 March	Director – Transformation Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	No	
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022	The Committee to consider its Annual Report 2021/2022 for submission to full Council for information	June 2022 meeting	The Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee	No	

Potential cross-cutting themes for the Scrutiny Committees

Topic	Proposed purpose	Committees to be involved	Cabinet Member and	Proposed Task and Finish	Comments
		in this review	Executive Director	Group	
Highways Contract	The Committee, together with Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the highways contract	Corporate and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committees	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	

Major Contracts and Capital	The Committee together	Corporate, People and			
Contracts	with Place and People	Place Overview and	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
	Scrutiny Committees to	Scrutiny Committees			
	undertake scrutiny of				
	major contracts of the				
	Council including the				
	Children's Trust				
Housing	The Committee, together	Corporate and Place	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
	with Place Overview and	Overview and Scrutiny			
	Scrutiny Committee to	Committees			
	undertake scrutiny activity				
	of the housing costs and				
	social value				