

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022

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

Topic	Proposed purpose	Proposed by	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee's comments
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	Yes This work would take around 6- 12 months.	
St James Bus Lane	To scrutinise the decision to make the St James bus lane 24/7 enforcement with CCTV	Councillor Julie Davenport, Place Committee Member	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	
Proposed development – Northampton railway station car park	To provide scrutiny input into the proposed development - Northampton railway car park	Councillor Danielle Stone	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	

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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 – A Task and Finish Group has been set up and will conclude its review in February 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Yes	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 Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	No	

			Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	Date to be advised	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review		31 January 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	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 and options for sustainable transport / active travel	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
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	22 February 2022	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.	26 January 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		

Highways Contract to include economies of scale	To have an overview, within the constraints of the contract.	31 August 2021 Further meetings TBC	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.	22 February 2022	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
Libraries	The Cabinet Member to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries	22 February 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure		From the briefing from the Cabinet Member, the Committee will decide how it can undertake scrutiny activity into this topic
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	To be confirmed	

			Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment		
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.

NB: Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider various motions from the predecessor Councillors around: Climate Change, Tree Policy and Strategy, Road Safety, Spatial Options, Recycling and Waste Contract and Social Value Contract as plans and policies are developed/or included on the WNC 2021/2022 work programme

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).	26 January 2022	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	26 January 2022 22 February	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	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	31 January 2022	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
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	