

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-2022

Topic	Proposed purpose	Date of meeting	Cabinet Member and Executive Director	Proposed Task and Finish Group	Committee's comments
Fly tipping	To provide scrutiny input into the draft fly-tipping policy that will aim to harmonise cleansing standards across WNC & boost enforcement action	29 March 2022	Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	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
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	29 March 2022	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 a Task and Finish Group to be inaugurated. Councillor Bagott- Webb to Chair.
The Council's Tree Policy	To provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire Regular updates to be provided to the Committee by the Chair of the Task and Finish Group	31 August 2021 – A Task and Finish Group has been set up and will conclude its review in May 2022 To report to the meeting of the Committee: 28 June 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Yes	Task and Finish Group set up and due to complete its review in May 2022 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.

<p>Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review</p>		<p>31 January 2022</p> <p>Update to the Committee at its meeting on 28 June 2022</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>	<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 and options for sustainable transport / active travel</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 28 June 2022)</p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022</p>	<p>The Committee to consider its Annual Report 2021/2022 for submission to full Council for information</p>	<p>28 June 2022</p>	<p>The Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>Crime and Disorder Scrutiny</p>	<p>The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)</p>	<p>26 January 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>13 February 2023</p>	<p>Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Engagement, and Regulatory Services Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p>		<p>To receive a report from the Chair of the CSP each year.</p>
<p>Flood Risk Management</p>	<p>The Committee to undertake scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Strategy</p>	<p>31 January 2022 (taken place)</p> <p>13 February 2023</p>	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		<p>To include information how West Northamptonshire Council works with Homes England</p>

Items to be scheduled					
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.	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
Libraries	The Cabinet Member to provide a briefing to the Committee on the Council's policy regarding libraries	Suggested date: 19 April 2022 (to be confirmed)	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	

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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.
Performance Monitoring Report	The Committee to consider the Performance Monitoring Report to inform Performance Management Scrutiny	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	No	Performance Monitoring Reports will be taken from the Cabinet agenda for Place Scrutiny to consider
Performance Management Scrutiny	The Committee to undertake Performance Management Scrutiny	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and relevant Cabinet Members dependent	No	

			upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed		
Broadband Contract	To monitor and review the broadband contract	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		
COMPLETED ITEMS					
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	COMPLETE. No further action – Committee agreed this item would not be included onto its Work Programme 2021/22
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	COMPLETE No further action – The Committee agreed that this issue would be covered in an agenda item at the meeting on 31 January 2022 and Councillor Stone be invited to attend for this item.
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	COMPLETE
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)	No	COMPLETE Work Programme for 2021/2022 finalised

			<p>Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth</p> <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>		
Farthinghoe Bypass	To receive an update on the Farthinghoe Bypass for Scrutiny input.	26 January 2022	<p>Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste</p>		COMPLETE

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