

West Northamptonshire Council

Place Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-2023

	Topic identified and scheduled
	Topic identified but not yet scheduled
	Topic completed

Item 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
Waste Management Contract	The Committee to consider a request from Corporate OSC to undertake joint scrutiny with Corporate OSC of the Waste Management Contract	Corporate OSC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		

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Communities and Opportunities Directorate	The Committee to receive a presentation regarding the Communities and Opportunities Directorate and how Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee can have an input into its work.	date: 17 May 2022 date: 12 September 2022	Director for Communities and Opportunities	TBC	
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: 12 September 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 June 2022 The Committee to provide Scrutiny input into the Council's draft Tree Policy for West Northamptonshire.

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022	The Committee to consider its Annual Report for 2021/2022 for submission to full Council	12 September 2022	The Chair of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee	No	
Northampton Town Plan (planning and growth including other main town progress /Review		31 January 2022 (taken place) Update to the Committee at its meeting on 12 September 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	Update: An update on the progress of the Northampton Town Plan would be brought to the Committee in July 2022. (Meeting 12 September 2022)
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 12 September 2022 meeting -	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 workshop is being organised within the service area regarding the contract; potentially the Committee could be invited to attend the workshop.
WNC waste strategy	The Committee to set up an Oversight Group to look over various waste issues. The Group would begin to meet after September 2022 onwards.	date: 12 September 2022	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	Yes, an Oversight Group will be set up	
Active Travel	To provide scrutiny input to enable WNC to progress its plans for active travel	29 March 2022 (taken place) The Oversight Group will provide further information to the meetings of the	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.

		Committee – to be scheduled			
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	The Committee to receive a performance report from the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	26 January 2022 (taken place) 13 February 2023	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	31 January 2022 (taken place) 13 February 2023	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	29 March 2022 (taken place) 18 April 2023 - The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan	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 Completed 2/3/22 18/4/23 The Committee to receive information on progress on actions outlined in the action Plan
Items to be scheduled					
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 Further report to be received at a later meeting: Date TBC	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	TBC	From the briefing the Committee will decide how it can undertake scrutiny activity into this topic

Sustainability Strategy	To provide Scrutiny input into the Sustainability Strategy	To be confirmed	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste	To be confirmed	
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 Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment	To be confirmed	
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	To be confirmed	It is Important that the Carbon programme does not conflict with air quality – low emissions approach favoured.

			Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste		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 upon the key performance indicator to be reviewed	No	
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) Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	No	COMPLETE Work Programme for 2021/2022 finalised

			Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Built Environment & Rural Affairs		
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		COMPLETE
NPH/WNC - responsibility for environmental issues	The Committee to consider and provide scrutiny input into the issues with responsibility of grass cutting and rubbish clearing	People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Executive Director for Place, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Leisure	TBC	COMPLETE The Committee resolved not to include this item onto its work programme

Schedule of meetings Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 September 2022

18 October

5 December

13 February 2023

18 April

Development of Overview and Scrutiny work programmes for 2022/23

NB: The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Group considered the process to be used to develop Overview and Scrutiny work programmes at a meeting on 25 May 2022. The Group agreed that rather than go out to public consultation about suggestions for scrutiny topics as in 2021/22 it could be more useful to consider a survey of residents' views about Council services. This would enable areas to be identified where Overview and Scrutiny might help to alleviate issues. The Group also agreed that Cabinet Members should be asked to provide details of forthcoming issues within their portfolios that might be subject to pre-decision scrutiny. The chairs of the three Overview and Scrutiny committees have written to the Leader of the Council to progress these matters.