

Community Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 20/09/23)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
December 2023				
7 December 2023	The Effectiveness of Planning Enforcement - Update	Chris Elston, Head of Planning and Infrastructure	-	30 minutes
7 December 2023	NWLDC Corporate Sponsorship and Advertising Policy	Paul Wheatley, Head of Economic Regeneration	-	30 minutes
7 December 2023	NWL Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and Strategy	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services,	-	30 minutes
7 December 2023	Future of Waste Services	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services,	-	30 minutes
February 2024				
April 2024				
June 2024				
17 June 2024	Marlborough Square Project Review	Paul Wheatley, Head of Economic Regeneration	-	30 minutes

Work requests considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

Work Request	Status/Progress	Committee date to be considered (provisional)
National Forest Line	Decision taken by the Group: a factual update from officers to be attached to the committee agenda as a 'Pink Paper' for information to Members. Following this a decision can be taken by the committee if further information/report is required.	7 December 2023
A review of the mismatch between housing provision and employment	Further scoping required between officers/scrutiny members and to clarify work request in relation to work of local plan committee. Scrutiny concerned in relation of effectiveness of current/previous local plan and any recommendations for the emerging plan.	TBC
Highways, potholes and footpaths	Officers attempted to make contact with Leicestershire County Council but yet to receive a response. Officers will continue to chase.	-
Air Quality	A report to be considered next year, currently being scoped with the information provided by Councillor Eynon in the scoping form.	4 April 2023
Litter, fly tipping and dog-fouling	A scoping form has been submitted by Councillor Eynon. Decision taken by Group: Once project complete, a report to be taken to committee.	TBC
Tourism	Decision by Group: due to the links with the Council Delivery Plan, a report to be scoped once plan adopted and then prioritised by the Group.	TBC
Community Safety including drug houses, parking and moving traffic offences	A scoping form has been received by Councillor Eynon. Officers currently scoping out report and will be prioritised by the Group.	TBC
Section 106 for Health	A scoping form has been received by Councillor Eynon. Decision taken by the Group: a factual update from officers to be attached to the committee agenda as a 'Pink Paper' for information to Members. Following this a decision can be taken by the committee if further information/report is required.	TBC

Principles and Criteria used for Assessing Items Put Forward

Identify Issues for consideration by Scrutiny

- Consulting with members of Scrutiny Committees, senior officers, Cabinet members – horizon scanning on policy development
- Looking at the corporate priorities, Council Delivery Plan and Cabinet Forward plan – identify key issues/topics for investigation/inquiry
- Considering events and decisions in the Council's calendar which could require an input/consultation via scrutiny – eg budget setting, CDP development
- Considering requests from members – eg via another forum or scoping report submitted
- Evaluating the Council's performance – eg quarterly reports, end of year reports, reviewing success of a particular scheme or initiative
- Reviewing any follow up work required after previous scrutiny work

Prioritise the potential list of scrutiny topics based on factors including

- the resources required to deliver it (from members, offices and financially)
- the value and level of impact which could be achieved
- link to the council's priorities
- whether it is a regular recurring item which requires consideration before Cabinet/Council approval
- consideration of the guidance for selecting scrutiny topics

Topics are suitable for Scrutiny when	Topics are not suitable for Scrutiny when
Scrutiny could have an impact and add value	The issue is already being addressed elsewhere and change is imminent
The topic is of high local importance and reflects the concerns of local people	The topic would be better addressed elsewhere (and will be referred there)
The resources are available that would be required to conduct the review – staff and budget	Scrutiny involvement would have limited or no impact on outcomes
It avoids duplication of work elsewhere	The topic would be sub-judice or prejudicial to the councils interests
The issues is one that the committee can realistically influence	The topic is too broad to make a review realistic
The issue is related to an area where the council or one of its partners is not performing well	New legislation or guidance relating to the topic is expected in the next year