

Community Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 25/03/24)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Indicative Agenda Item Duration
June 2024				
27 June 2024	Annual Scrutiny Report To note and comment on the annual report.	Rachel Wallace, Democratic Services Officer	-	30 mins
27 June 2024	Air Quality Annual Update To provide an update on the Air Quality Annual Status Report, including feedback on the outcomes of the DEFRA Air Quality Grant Project	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services	-	30 mins
27 June 2024	The Council's Approach to Community Asset Transfers As part of the Council's emerging transformation programme, the opportunities to both relieve the financial pressure on the council while preserving assets for continuing community benefit and empowering local people and partners to provide the right facilities for their local community are being explored through a draft policy and approach to community asset transfers.	Emma Trahearn, Community Focus Team Leader	-	30 minutes
27 June 2024	Disabled Facilities Grant Review To provide an update and present the findings of the Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) Review which has been commissioned through Foundations - National body for DFGs and Home Improvement Agencies.	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services	-	30 minutes
27 June 2024	Districtwide Regeneration Framework	Paul Wheatley, Head of Property and Economic Regeneration	-	30 minutes

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September 2024 (PROVISIONAL)				
19 September 2024	Marlborough Square Project Review	Paul Wheatley, Head of Property and Regeneration		30 minutes
19 September 2024	Leisure Centre Annual Update	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes
19 September 2024	Car Parking Review	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes
19 September 2024	<p>Future of Waste Services To provide Waste Services collection modelling choices that have been prepared by consultants Eunomia, prior to presentation before Cabinet. The report will detail, full-service cost analysis, district implementation with a phased rollout strategy. Route modifications, and efficiency improvements will all be included in the report. Legislation requirements that will align future services and Fleet replacement through detailed procurement process.</p> <p>Scoping documents will be released after the additional modelling procedure is completed.</p>	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes
December 2024 (PROVISIONAL)				
12 December 2024	<p>Community Safety Update To provide an overview of the 3-year Community Safety Partnership Plan. To include drug dealing, county lines, ASB and how success / performance is measured</p>	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes

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February 2025 (PROVISIONAL)				
6 February 2024	Community Grants Annual Report	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes
April 2025 (PROVISIONAL)				
10 April 2024				
June 2025 (PROVISIONAL)				
26 June 2025				
To be scheduled				
TBC	Annual S106 Agreement Update Report	Chris Elston, Head of Planning and Infrastructure	-	30 minutes

Work requests considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

Work Request	Status/Progress	Committee date to be considered (provisional)
National Forest Line	<p>Further to Community Scrutiny on 7th December, officers have continued to engage with Leicestershire County Council and Network Rail and timescales have been confirmed for the Outline Business Case as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final outline business case from Network Rail to be submitted to Department of Transport early February and will be reviewed by the Restore Your Railways Programme Board (Late February) - Final OBC to be presented to further DFT and Network Rail Board throughout March/April 2024 - Anticipated submitted to Treasure for sign off in early May. If approval granted will move onto next stage – Final Business Case <p>NWL (with LCC) will seek to arrange a further briefing/meeting with Network Rail following Outline Business Case approval and enable further engagement for Scrutiny.</p>	-
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	NWL still awaiting information from Leicestershire County Council to enable any further scoping for scrutiny.	-
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. Scrutiny. District Wide Regeneration Framework is programmed was originally scheduled for 4 April 2024. Will now be considered at the June meeting,	27 June 2024

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

PREVIOUS SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

There were no recommendations to Cabinet at the last Committee meeting.