

Community Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 11/09/24)

| Date of Meeting | Item | Lead Officer | Witnesses | Agenda Item Duration |
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| June 2024 | | | | |
| September 2024 | | | | |
| 30 September 2024 (Extraordinary Meeting) | <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> | Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services | | 60 minutes |
| December 2024 | | | | |
| 12 December 2024 | <p>Marlborough Square Project Review Post delivery assessment of project including performance against quality, cost, and timescale expectations.</p> | Paul Wheatley, Head of Property and Economic Regeneration | - | 30 minutes |
| 12 December 2024 | <p>Disabled Facilities Grants 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.</p> | Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services | - | 30 minutes |

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| 12 December 2024 | <p>Car Parking Review The Car Parking Team are undertaking a review of the 'off-street' car parking service as part of the Council's Transformation Plan, to examine costs and understand the impact of the net cost of the service on the budget.</p> | Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services, | - | 30 minutes |
| 12 December 2024 | <p>Tree management Strategy and General Fund Action Plan To share the draft NWLDC Tree Management Strategy and General Fund Action Plan with members and to seek feedback on it prior to taking to Cabinet for adoption</p> | Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services, | - | 30 minutes |
| 12 December 2024 | <p>Annual S106 Agreement Update Report To set out for the Committee the position of Section 106 agreements as agreed over the preceding 12 months.</p> | Chris Elston, Head of Planning and Infrastructure | - | 30 minutes |
| February 2025 | | | | |
| 06 February 2025 | <p>Community Grants Annual Report To set out for Members the grants administered by Community Focus Team, and to assess both qualitatively and quantitatively the outcomes attained, from February 2024 to January 2025.</p> | Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services, | - | 30 minutes |
| 06 February 2025 | <p>Community Safety Overview 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 |
| April 2025 | | | | |
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Work requests considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group

| Work Request | Status/Progress | Committee date to be considered (provisional) |
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| 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> <p>Update: 19/6/24 Focus is moving to the next stage of work which will focus on detailed designs. Update to be provided by Network Rail on what this stage will include and the support and involvement of Project Delivery Group members.</p> <p>DfT to consider the best route forward after the General Election to secure authority for the project’s progression into the Design stage, plus any additional change controls required to realign funding requirements / scope with NR’s current review work. A further update will be provided after the general election.</p> <p><u>Update September 2024 (from DfT)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chancellor announced the cancellation of the RYR programme in her statement on 29 July 2024. • The RYR projects will now come to an orderly close and no further funding will be provided through the programme. • Where projects are not currently live, no new work will be started. For projects which have development or design work in progress, DfT are considering the best way to bring these projects to a close. • For Ivanhoe, this will mean that no new work will start. | - |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chancellor also announced that the Transport Secretary will be undertaking a review of the Department's investment portfolio, including individual RYR projects. • DfT Capital Review underway and is considering alignment of individual infrastructure projects with government's priorities of growth, housing, jobs and value for money. • The review is being progressed in two phases – the first will consider RYR projects plus other Network North proposals, the second will have a larger scope. The outputs will help to inform a wider Spending Review in 2025 however some announcements could be made before then. | |
| A review of the mismatch between housing provision and employment | Further scoping required between officers/scrutiny members, relevant officers invited to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Work Programming Group to scope. | TBC |
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| Highway HGV Parking | Further scoping required between officers/scrutiny members, relevant officers invited to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Work Programming Group to scope. | 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 |
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| 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

None.