

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY,
26 JUNE 2025**



Title of Report	ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE COALVILLE STRATEGIC GROWTH AREA TASK AND FINISH GROUP	
Presented by	James Arnold Strategic Director of Place	
Background Papers	None	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Due to the nature of the review and the level of resourcing required to support the task and finish group, it is proposed that East Midlands Councils (EMC) be instructed to assist for the duration of the review, an approach agreed by the Scrutiny Cross Party Working Group as part of the review of scrutiny in 2022. Support will provide independent advice to the Chair of the task and finish group and include support at review meetings, assisting with information gathering, providing advice to members, assisting in setting recommendations, and drafting final reports. There will be a cost for up to five working days support.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	None identified at this stage	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	The task and finish group will require additional resources to help support it; this will be provided by East Midlands Councils.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Reason Agenda Item submitted to Scrutiny	To ask the Committee to establish a task and finish group comprised of Community Scrutiny Members to review the water management in the Coalville Strategic Growth area and approve the terms of reference.	
Recommendations	THAT COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 1) ESTABLISHES A TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO REVIEW WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE COALVILLE STRATEGIC GROWTH AREA	

	<p>2) AGREES THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX B.</p> <p>3) RECEIVES NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTS TO THE SEATS ON THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF REFERENCE.</p>
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Scrutiny Committees can establish task and finish groups to undertake scrutiny on a task and finish basis. All scrutiny work requests are considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group as set out in their terms of reference.
- 1.2 In February 2025, the Chair of the Community Scrutiny Committee submitted a scrutiny topic suggestion form entitled Water Management in the Coalville Strategic Growth Area. The form is attached at Appendix A. The request for work was made following Parish Council and residents concerns in relation to the state of the River Sence and problems with combined sewerage outflows in the area, and it was proposed that the matter be reviewed with the assistance of the external agencies who have a role in water management.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Work Programming Group considered the scrutiny topic suggestion form at their meeting on Wednesday, 5 March 2025, and agreed that a task and finish group should be established to undertake a full review

2.0 PROPOSAL

- 2.1 It is proposed that a task and finish group undertake a review which engages with Council Officers, residents, local Parish and District Councillors, and a number of other agencies. The Group would then review these contributions to assess how problems with water management arose, what needs to be done to fix them, and how a similar situation can be prevented from occurring in the future.
- 2.2 The planned timetable is for officers to do all necessary preparatory work throughout the Summer of 2025, for the task and finish group to undertake the review throughout the Autumn of 2025, and for a final report to be presented to the Community Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2025.
- 2.3 The draft terms of reference of the task and finish group are attached at Appendix B and will be formally agreed at the first meeting of the group.
- 2.4 It is proposed that in order to ensure an appropriate level of support is given to the review; East Midlands Councils be approached to assist. This is an approach that was agreed by the Scrutiny Cross Party Working Group as part of the review of Scrutiny in 2022 and is to be used when a task and finish group is undertaking a large project when officers workloads are such that in-house support would be difficult.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and regeneration - A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Safeguarding:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Equalities/Diversity:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Customer Impact:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Economic and Social Impact:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
Risks:	None identified as part of this report but will be considered as part of the work of the Task and Finish Group.
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