

Community Scrutiny Committee – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 17/06/26)

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Agenda Item Duration
September 2026				
10 September 2026	<p>Leisure Centres Annual Review To review the performance of the leisure centres against a range of performance indicators such: levels of participation, membership levels, utility consumption; improving health and wellbeing, providing local economic benefit; as well as financial performance.</p>	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services	-	30 minutes
10 September 2026	<p>Community Grants and Community Lottery Annual Update Report To provide an annual update on Community Grants and Community Lottery Scheme.</p>	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services	-	30 minutes
10 September 2026	<p>District Wide Regeneration Framework Annual Review To provide an annual update on the District Wide Regeneration Framework.</p>	Paul Wheatley, Head of Economic Regeneration and Property	-	30 minutes
December 2026				
None currently scheduled.				
February 2027				
25 February 2027	<p>Love your Neighbourhood Campaign Update To review the performance of the Love Your Neighbourhood campaign against a range of indicators, as requested by the Committee.</p>	Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services		30 minutes

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April 2027				
22 April 2027	Marlborough Square Regeneration Area Review of Progress and Impact To provide an update on the Marlborough Square Regeneration area.	Paul Wheatley, Head of Economic Regeneration and Property		
June 2027				
24 June 2027	Scrutiny Annual Report To present the work of the two scrutiny committees for the 2026/27 civic year.	James Arnold, Strategic Director of Place	-	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>Nothing further to update since cancellation of RYR programme.</p> <p><u>Previous Updates</u></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. • 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. <p><u>December 2023</u></p> <p>It was agreed that there would be further review by Community Scrutiny following item in December 2023 to seek to provide support to the Ivanhoe/National Forest Line.</p>	-

<p>S106 agreements and the transfer of open space and sustainable urban drainage systems</p>	<p>A scrutiny topic suggestion form was considered by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group in June 2025.</p> <p>The Head of Planning was invited to the meeting to assist with the discussion and help scope the proposed scrutiny topic. It was recommended that a first step would be to consult Parish Councils and understand the level of interest and also clarify current approach being followed by the Council which is set out in the current local plan.</p> <p>Agreed that an information paper be prepared by Planning to set out the current position and enable further discussion by the Work Programming Group and to decide on further action.</p> <p>Update: The Scrutiny Cross Party Working Group discussed the matter again at its meeting in March 2026 and as the current focus was on the Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation, and, that a policy on the matter would be included within the Local Plan, it was decided to not progress this any further.</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Matters reserved for future consideration</p>		
<p>Housing Assistance Policy for NWLDC</p>	<p>At the Scrutiny Work Programming Group in November 2025, a request was made for a report to committee due to concerns on the delivery of the grants. It was acknowledged that any discussions with Leicestershire County Council would be difficult at this stage of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process. It was agreed for further discussions on the matter in Autumn 2026 following formal agreement of the LGR proposals.</p>	<p>TBC</p>

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