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Tuesday 17 May 2022

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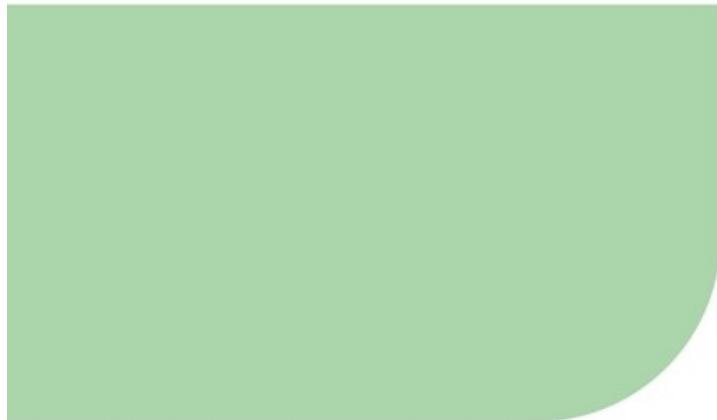
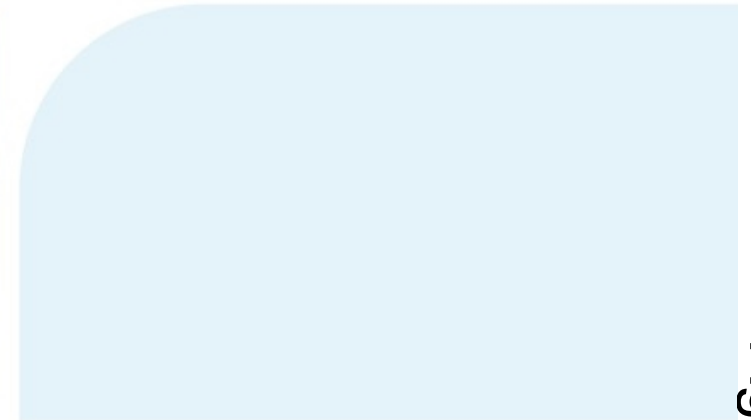
Levelling Up Communities Scrutiny Review Group - Update

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Update to Scrutiny Commission on the work and final timeline for the Levelling Up Scrutiny Review working group

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Key work undertaken

Community based activities

Date	Area	Session content
Saturday 27 November 2021	Avondale Grange (Kettering)	13:00-15:00 - Tour of the area to see both areas of concerns and examples of things that are working
Saturday 04 December 2021	Kingswood & Hazel Leys (Corby)	15:30-17:30 - Community meeting/workshop (details & content to be confirmed)
Saturday 11 December 2021	Queensway (Wellingborou gh)	

Scrutiny Working Group meetings

Meeting	Theme
06 October 2021	Working Group meeting (agreed TOR & scope of review & workplan)
09 November 2021	Working Group meeting (discussed and finalised workshops)
11 January 2022	Anti-social behaviour and knife crime (public session)
26 January 2022	Exclusion from education, skills and employment (public session)
08 March 2022	Funding opportunities – Levelling-up funding and UK Shared Prosperity Fund (public session)
03 May 2022	Impact of the environment on our Levelling Up Communities (public session)

Challenges that have impacted on progress

- September 2021 onwards – Afghan resettlement scheme planning
- December 2021 – Covid-19 Plan B impacted on plans around meetings
- March 2021 – Ukrainian Response including coordination of the Homes for Ukraine scheme



Afghanistan: How can you help the refugees who have arrived in the UK?

With thousands of Afghans brought to the UK since the Taliban's takeover, you may wonder how you can help them settle in a new country. Sky News points you to some of the charities that need cash donations, volunteers, as well as items like clothing and phones.

By Aislinn Phillips, news reporter

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Some of the items that were donated to Surrey United Synagogue in Herefordshire for Afghan families.



Why you can trust Sky News

Afghans who were evacuated to the UK have received a warm welcome from Britons, who have rallied to gather donations and goods to help them.



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Covid: Boris Johnson confirms Plan B rules to continue for three weeks

By Francesca Gillett
BBC News

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Coronavirus pandemic



Watch: PM confirms Plan B will stay, as England sees fastest growth in Covid cases

England's current Plan B rules will continue for now, Boris Johnson has confirmed - as new figures show a record one in 15 people had Covid on New Year's Eve.



News

How rights under new Homes for Ukraine visa scheme differ to other refugees, from access to benefits to work

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Asylum seekers are usually not permitted to do jobs or apply for benefits – but more generous rules will apply to those coming from Ukraine under the Government's sponsorship scheme



A mother and daughter who fled their home in Ukraine after arriving at a railway station in Bucharest, Romania (Photo: Edgard Garrido/Reuters)

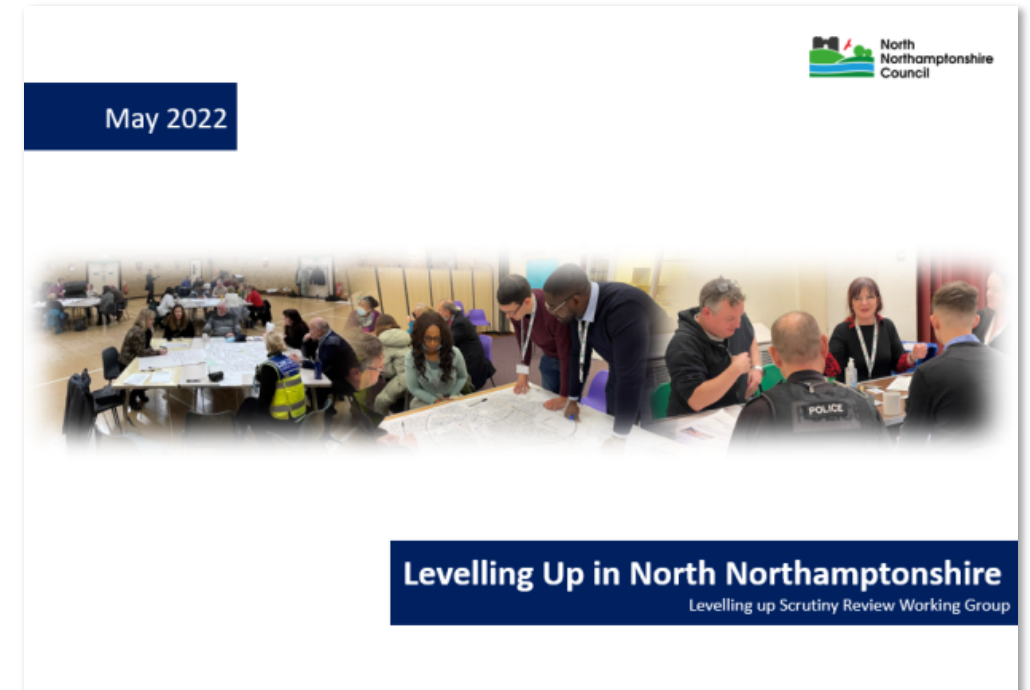
By Amy Walker

March 13, 2022 2:34 pm (Updated 2:35 pm)

Timeline

- 31 May 2022 – final draft of report
- 06 June 2022 – Discussion of report with Chairs (tbc)
- 09 June 2022 – consideration by Levelling-up scrutiny group (tbc)
- 21 June 2022
- 24 June 2022 report deadline date
- 05 July 2022 Scrutiny Commission Meeting (consider whether report goes to full council in September 2022)

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