



**Meeting:** Scrutiny Management Board

Date: Thursday 29th February, 2024

**Time:** 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, Northants, NN17 1QG

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To members of the Scrutiny Management Board

Councillor Lyn Buckingham, Councillor Lora Lawman, Councillor Graham Lawman, Councillor Steven North, Councillor Philip Irwin and Councillor King Lawal

|      | Agenda   |   |          |  |  |
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| Item | Subject  | Presenting<br>Officer                           | Page no. |  |  |
| 01   | Election of Chair<br>To elect a Chair of the Scrutiny Management<br>Committee, the term of office to run until the annual<br>meeting of the Council in May 2024.           |   |          |  |  |
| 02   | Election of Vice-Chair<br>To elect a Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Management<br>Committee, the term of office to run until the annual<br>meeting of the Council in May 2024. |   |          |  |  |
| 03   | Apologies for absence  |   |          |  |  |
| 04   | Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2023.   |   | 5 - 38   |  |  |
| 05   | Notification of requests to attend the meeting.  |   |          |  |  |
| 06   | Declarations of Interest   |   |          |  |  |
|      | Items for Decision   |   |          |  |  |
| 07   | Scrutiny Workplan - February 2024 Update   | Ben Smith,<br>Head of<br>Democratic<br>Services | 39 - 86  |  |  |
| 08   | Close of Meeting   |   |          |  |  |

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| Agenda     |   | February 2024 |
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# Agenda Item 4



**Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board** At 7.00 pm on Monday 27th November, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George St, Corby NN17 1QG

# Present:-

# <u>Members</u>

Councillor Gill Mercer (Chair) Councillor Lyn Buckingham Councillor Lora Lawman

Councillor Kevin Watt Councillor Graham Lawman

# **Officers**

Ben Smith (Head of Democratic Services/Statutory Scrutiny Officer) Adele Wylie (Executive Director of Customer and Governance/Interim Deputy Chief Executive)

# 6 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

# 7 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023

# **Resolved that:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

# 8 Declarations of Interest

The Chair invited those who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were made.

# 9 Notification of requests to attend the meeting.

It was noted that there had been no requests to speak at the meeting.

# 10 Scrutiny Workplan - November 2023 Update

The Scrutiny Management Board considered the updated annual workplan for 2023/24, a copy of which is filed with the agenda, marked 'item 5'.

The Board discussed the proposed plan and made a number of minor amendments.

It also considered the Executive Forward Plan for September to December 2023, noting it would be an important tool to use to decide which items were of importance to exercise pre-scrutiny.

Following consideration of the proposed amendments to the Workplan, the Board then considered additional items that had been requested for Consideration at particular meetings of the scrutiny committees. Of those not already having been identified as being in the workplan, the following was agreed:-

 i) Green Burials (requested by Corporate Scrutiny Committee) – that this was a proposal that the Board considered most appropriate to be considered by the Executive Advisory Panel for Planning Communities or Sustainable Communities as it would require a policy development focus in the first instance to assess whether it was an appropriate subject for the Council to develop.

It was noted that a revised version of the Workplan, arising from comments made and setting out the changes agreed would be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

# It was resolved that:-

That the Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) Notes the updated list of dates for when items included in the Workplan are to be considered;
- (b) Approves the second iteration of the Workplan attached at Appendix A, subject to the comments now made in respect of the current Executive Forward Plan and items generated by scrutiny committees.
- (c) Notes that the Workplan remains a living document which will be subject to review and may be updated further
  - i. to reflect the changing needs and priorities of scrutiny; and
  - ii. following consideration of items requested by the three scrutiny committees and individual councillors.

(Reason for Decisions – To meet the Constitutional requirements for the Scrutiny Management Board to demonstrate its strategic responsibility for the Scrutiny function, its overall responsibility for the direction and management of Scrutiny, and to fulfil its obligation to develop, approve and monitor the Annual Scrutiny Workplan.

(Alternative Options Considered – Not to update the Scrutiny Workplan - however this would not demonstrate the Board's strategic responsibility, or provide the necessary strategic direction to the three Scrutiny Committees.)

# **11** Scrutiny Training Programme

The Scrutiny Management Board considered a report setting out the recent training programme undertaken with the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS). A copy of the report is filed with the agenda, marked as item 6.

The Board noted that a programme of scrutiny training had been provided during September and October 2023 targeting different skills and groups of scrutiny members. The Board considered that the training provided had been comprehensive and wished to thank the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) for its support in providing training in the following areas:-

- The Essentials of Effective Strategic Scrutiny
- Questioning and Listening Essential skills for Scrutiny Cllrs
- · Chairing and Leading Scrutiny Committees
- Council Finance, Budget and Commercial Scrutiny
- Children's Services and Safeguarding
- Health & Social Care Scrutiny

The Board expressed disappointment that more members of Scrutiny had not been able to attend the various training dates, but noted that those who had been unable to attend, that there was a further opportunity to attend some bite-sized scrutiny sessions undertaken jointly by East Midlands Councils and the CfGS, details of which had been circulated to all members of the Council. These sessions, running from the end of November 2023 to mid-January 2024 included:-

- Understanding Local Government Finance;
- Scoping and Managing Scrutiny Reviews;
- Questioning Skills for Elected Members.

In considering any further training for 2023/24, the Board considered that additional training should be explored around analysing data and the use and interpretation of performance indicators.

# It was resolved that:-

That the Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) Notes and welcomes the recent programme of training undertaken;
- (b) Considers that it would be useful to complement the CfGS training with internal training by officers in respect of understanding local government data and performance indicators.

(Reason for Decisions – To meet the Constitutional requirements for the Scrutiny Management Board to demonstrate its strategic responsibility for the Scrutiny function, its overall responsibility for the direction and management of Scrutiny, and to fulfil its obligation to overseeing the co-ordination of scrutiny members' learning and development.)

(Alternative Options Considered – Not to undertake or review the undertaking of effective training for scrutiny members - however this would not demonstrate the Board's strategic responsibility, or provide the necessary skills to develop the ability of members to provide effective scrutiny of the Council's processes.)

# 12 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Chair

Date

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

#### Scrutiny Work Plan 2023/2024

The Scrutiny Work Plan outlines the areas of work which are expected to be scrutinised over the coming months/year by or on behalf of the Council's Scrutiny function and any Panels/Task and Finish Groups convened for review work.

Topics added to the work plan will have expected outcomes to add value to the services delivered by the Council and its partners and/or improve the quality of lives of North Northamptonshire residents. It is recognised that there is a need for flexibility in the work plan so as to allow relevant issues to be dealt with as and when they arise.

Numerous sources of information can help to inform topic selection, including:

- Concerns that have been raised by the public/stakeholders (whether they are Council service specific or wider national/local issues)
- Issues relating to Councils outcomes, objectives and priorities
- Consultations and interviews
- Underperformance
- Executive recommendations about the pertinent issues that are emerging and any opportunities or threats on the horizon
- Central government priority changes
- Forward Plan

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Budgetary analysis

Scrutiny should always link back to the Council Corporate Plan so that it is scrutinising whether the Council is meeting its strategic aims.

Scrutiny should use effective processes to select topics that will contribute towards the best possible work plan for Scrutiny. This means looking at the sources of information that may help and using them to choose the right topics. A Scrutiny Conference was attended by Scrutiny members to develop this work plan where they reviewed information to inform the work plan and then prioritised the topics.

Successful Scrutiny is about looking at the right topic in the right way and Members will need to be selective whilst also being able to demonstrate clear arguments in favour of including or excluding topics. A common pitfall for Scrutiny can be the inclusion of topics on the work plan that are unmanageable, of limited interest to the community, purely for informational purposes, have few outcomes and fail to 'add value' to the work of the Council or the wellbeing of the community. As such the selection and prioritisation of topics is critical to the effectiveness of Scrutiny as such processes can ensure clearer focus, particularly in poor or weak areas of performance or major issues of concern to the wider community. It is not possible to include every topic suggested as Scrutiny has limited time and resources and therefore workplans need to be manageable.

# SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

## 8 FEBRUARY 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|         | Suggested Topic             | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and Executive<br>Member  | Notes   |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Page 10 | Scrutiny/Executive Protocol | <ul> <li>To consider and approve a Protocol for<br/>working relationships between Scrutiny<br/>and the Executive, following consultation<br/>with the Executive, Scrutiny Chairs and<br/>Vice Chairs, and CLT.</li> </ul> | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and<br>Governance | Previously<br>proposed to<br>be considered<br>at November<br>meeting but<br>proposal to<br>delay to allow<br>for informal<br>consultation<br>with the<br>Leader and<br>Executive. |
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# **Regular Scrutiny Items**

|    | Торіс                          | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and Executive<br>Member   | Notes |
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| 1. | Review of Scrutiny Workplan    | <ul> <li>To review and update the workplan as required;</li> <li>To consider scrutiny agenda requests and allocate to the relevant Committee if they are approved.</li> </ul> | Head of Democratic<br>Services  |       |
| 2. | To determine call in requests. | • To determine any call-in requests<br>requested by members following<br>consideration of relevant key decisions<br>by the Executive.   | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and Governance |       |

## SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

#### 4 APRIL 2024

#### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|          | Suggested Topic                | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and Executive<br>Member   | Notes |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------|
| 1.<br>Pa | Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24 | To consider and approve the Scrutiny Annual<br>Report 2023/24, for submission to full<br>Council. | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and Governance |       |
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# CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 9 April 2024

#### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                      | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and Executive Member   | Notes  |
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| <sup>1</sup> Page 13 | Customer Service Operations and<br>Out of Hours Service | To include an update on the performance<br>and bedding in of the new telephony<br>system, rolled out in summer/autumn<br>2023. | Executive Nember<br>for Customer and<br>Governance,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation            |  |
| -ω <sub>2.</sub>     | Children's Trust Update                                 | Quarterly Update   | Executive<br>Director,<br>Children's<br>Services/<br>Children's Trust<br>Executive Member<br>for Children's<br>Services | Requested to be<br>added to Workplan<br>by Scrutiny<br>Management Board<br>on 27/11/23 |
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|    | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and Executive Member  | Notes |
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| 1. | Annual Review of Performance<br>Management Framework and Key<br>Performance Indicators | To scrutinise performance management<br>arrangements and key performance<br>indicators to inform Executive's decision<br>on reports for 2024-25. | Head of<br>Performance,<br>Intelligence &<br>Partnerships<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |
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| 9 14       | Торіс                          | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |  |
| <b></b> 1. | Performance Indicators 2023/24 | To provide members with an<br>update on the Council's<br>performance across a wide range<br>of services, as measured by Key<br>Performance Indicators, with the<br>aim of informing scrutiny, to include<br>guarterly complaints reporting. | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |  |
| 2.         | Forecast Draft Outturn 2023/24 | <ul> <li>A regular monitoring report setting<br/>out the material financial issues<br/>identified since the 2023/24 budget<br/>which was set in February 2023.</li> </ul>   | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |  |

# CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

June 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|          | Suggested Topic                 | Reasons for Scrutiny                      | Officer, Chair and | Notes |
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|          |                                 |   | Executive Member   |       |
|          | Agency/OPUS figures             | To scrutinise whether best value is being | Executive Director |       |
| <u>n</u> |                                 | received from the contract and the        | of Customer and    |       |
| age      |                                 | impacts of vacancies on the Council.      | Governance,        |       |
|          |                                 |   | Executive Member   |       |
| 16       |                                 |   | for Finance and    |       |
| 0,       |                                 |   | Performance        |       |
| 2.       | Review of Implementation of Pay | To scrutinise the implementation of the   | Assistant Director |       |
|          | and Grading                     | new pay structure and terms and           | for Human          |       |
|          | Ū.                              | conditions following approval by full     | Resources          |       |
|          |                                 | Council on 31 August 2023.                |                    |       |

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# **Regular Scrutiny Items**

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| Page 17 | Forecast Draft Outturn 2023/24 | • A regular monitoring report setting<br>out the material financial issues<br>identified since the <u>2024/25</u> budget<br>which was set in February 202 <u>4</u> .  | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |

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# CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Topic Areas Beyond June 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                       | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer <u>and</u><br>Executive Member  | Notes  |
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| Page 18 <sup>2.</sup> | ICT Working Party |                      | Assistant Chief<br>Executive,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation<br>CLT,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation | Requested to beadded to Workplanby ScrutinyManagement Boardon 27/11/23Requested to beadded to Workplanby ScrutinyManagement Boardon 27/11/23 |
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|       | HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  |  |   |       |
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| ס     |  | 9 January 2024   |   |       |
| age , | Detailed Scrutiny Items  |  |   |       |
| 0     | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
| 1.    | Update on Kettering General<br>Hospital Rebuild  | To scrutinise the progress being made<br>with the rebuild of KGH   | Representative<br>from KGH, TBC,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health &<br>Wellbeing |       |
| 2.    | Health Integration - Progress from<br>the Local Area<br>Partnerships/Community Wellbeing<br>Forums | • To provide an update on how some of<br>the key local partnerships arising from<br>Integrated Care in Northamptonshire<br>are performing and meeting their<br>outcomes. | Director of Place,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health &<br>Wellbeing               |       |

| 3.      | NHS Northamptonshire ICB Five-<br>Year Joint Forward Plan 2023-28 | • | To scrutinise the proposals and<br>targets of the Integrated Care Board<br>over the next five years.   | Director of Place,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing                | Originally to be<br>considered at<br>November 2023<br>meeting, however<br>proposed for this<br>meeting due to lack<br>of availability of<br>external officers. |
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| 4. Page | EMAS Annual Report  | • | EMAS published its annual report on 21<br>June 2023 so to ask them to Health<br>Scrutiny in the autumn, and schedule it<br>earlier for next year. EMAS Annual<br>Report 2022 to 2023 | Representative<br>from EMAS, TBC,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing | Originally to be<br>considered at<br>November 2023<br>meeting, however<br>proposed for this<br>meeting due to lack<br>of availability of<br>external officers. |

# N O Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

|    | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member                                 | Notes  |  |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | <u>Adult Social Care Strategic</u><br><u>Framework</u> | Pre-scrutiny of the report being<br>considered by the Executive on<br>18/01/24 | Executive Director<br>of Adults, Health<br>Partnerships<br>and Housing | Requested to be<br>added to Workplan<br>by Scrutiny<br>Management Board<br>on 27/11/23 |  |
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#### HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### 12 March 2024

#### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                     | Suggested Topic                 | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and Executive Member   | Notes   |
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| <sup>1</sup> Page 2 | GP Performance and Availability | To scrutinise GP appointment<br>availability.   | Director of Public<br>Health and<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing | Proposal from<br>Health Scrutiny<br>Committee to bring<br>forward from list of<br>future items beyond<br>July 2024. |
| 2.                  | Substance Abuse                 | <ul> <li>To scrutinise strategies in<br/>dealing with substance abuse<br/>and effects on rough sleeping.</li> </ul> | Director of Public<br>Health and<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing | Proposal from<br>Health Scrutiny<br>Committee to bring<br>forward from list of<br>future items beyond<br>July 2024. |

#### **Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports**

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#### HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 14 May 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

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| age 22 | Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS<br>Foundation Trust – Quality Report | <ul> <li>To scrutinise the annual report of the<br/>Foundation Trust</li> </ul> | Representative of<br>the NHS<br>Foundation Trust,<br>TBC,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health &<br>Wellbeing |       |
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# HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Topic Areas Beyond July 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

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| Þa(               | Exclusions                 |                      |  |       |
| age <sup>2.</sup> | Family Hubs                |                      |  |       |
| 23 <sup>.</sup>   | Disabled Facilities Grants |                      |  |       |
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# PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 19 December 2023

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                       | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, and<br>Executive Member   | Notes   |                                |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1.<br>Pag             | New Highways Contract Provider<br>(Highways and Transport)            | Review of performance of the new<br>highways contract providers following the<br>first year of service.<br>Data for Y1 runs to Sept 2023 (available<br>in October).  | Assistant Director<br>for Highways and<br>Waste,<br>Executive member<br>for Highways, travel<br>and Assets |   |                                |
| Ф <sub>2.</sub><br>25 | Sustainable Urban Extensions  | To scrutinise SUEs arising from a concern<br>that these are not moving forward quickly<br>enough (e.g. Rushden, Tresham and<br>Corby West). If these fail to happen in a<br>timely manner it puts more pressure on<br>our housing supply | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration      |   |                                |
| 3.                    | Review of progress in relation to the<br>Bus Service Improvement Plan | To consider the impact that grant funding<br>may have on the North Northamptonshire<br>area and outcome of the enhanced<br>partnership   | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways<br>Travel and Assets     | Proposed to be moved<br>from 31 10 23 meeting<br>of Place and Economy<br>Scrutiny Committee | Deleted: <#>¶<br>Housing Voids |

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| 1.        | Kettering Leisure Village                      | Consideration of Business Case prior to Executive decision.                                      | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets | Proposed to be<br>moved from 31<br>October 2023<br>meeting of Place and<br>Economy Scrutiny<br>as Business Case<br>not ready at that<br>time for<br>consideration. |
| Р́аде     | Corby Local Cycling & Walking<br>Plan          | Consideration of Plan prior to<br>consideration by Executive on 19<br>January 2024.              | Sally Crew,<br>Interim Transport<br>Strategy Manager   | Proposed for<br>inclusion as pre-<br>scrutiny to workplan.   |
| 26<br>26  | Asset Acquisition Policy                       | To pre-scrutinise the proposed policy<br>being considered by the Executive on<br>21/12/23        | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets |  |
| <u>4.</u> | Surplus Asset Disposal                         | To pre-scrutinise the proposed policy<br>being considered by the Executive on<br>21/12/23        | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets |  |
| <u>5.</u> | Culture, Heritage and Tourism<br>Business Plan | To pre-scrutinise the proposed<br>Business Plan being considered by the<br>Executive on 21/12/23 | Director of Public<br>Health and<br>Executive Member   |  |

| Elections |
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Briefing Paper to all Committee Members (not for consideration at Scrutiny Committee),

|           | Suggested Topic                | Reasons for Briefing   | Notes  |
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| <u>1.</u> | Housing Voids                  | To scrutinise the progress in addressing<br>backlogs and the time taken to achieve<br>this.                    | To include the<br>arrangement for a<br>councillor visit. |
| 2.        | Social Housing Regulations Act | To understand the impact on the council's<br>role of Housing following the July Royal<br>Assent of the SHR Act |  |
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# PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 27 February 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                      | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes   |
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| <sup>-</sup> Page 28 | Rural Isolation and Accessibility                                       | To scrutinise how rural isolation and<br>accessibility to work and education is being<br>addressed to enable travel to work and<br>education? | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Members<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>and Rural<br>Communities and<br>Localism | Invitations to be<br>extended to Health<br>Scrutiny Chair/Vice<br>Chair and members<br>due to the work being<br>undertaken by Local<br>Area Partnerships<br>around rural isolation. |
| 2.                   | How the Council is working towards<br>an integrated transport solution. | To scrutinise the strategic objectives of<br>the Council in achieving an integrated<br>transport solution.                                    | Assistant Director<br>for Highways and<br>Waste,<br>Executive member<br>for Highways, travel<br>and Assets  |   |
| 3.                   | Planning Enforcement  | What is the current status of their activities and what are the policy priorities?  | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,  | <u>May not be required</u><br>as Planning<br><u>Enforcement</u><br>Briefing taking place  |

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| U                     | pdated 01/12/23   |  | Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration  | on 14 December<br>2023 |                                      |
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|                       | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, and<br>Executive Member  | Notes                  | Deleted: , Chair                     |
| 1.<br>Page2.          | NNC Homelessness and Rough<br>Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028 | To pre-scrutinise the Strategy to be<br>approved by the Executive on 14/03/24,<br>arising from statutory consultation and<br>subsequent amendments | Executive Director –<br>Adults, Health<br>Partnerships and<br>Housing,<br>Executive Member<br>– Housing,<br>Communities and<br>Levelling Up |                        |                                      |
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# PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 30 April 2024

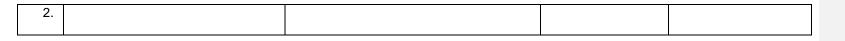
# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

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| Page 30 | Review of Changes to Planning<br>Service | One year follow up to review impact of<br>changes to planning service following<br>LGA Peer review and subsequent<br>changes to service provision. | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration |       |
| 2.      | Section 106 Agreements                   | To report back the outcome of the<br>Scrutiny Review Panel taking place<br>between January and April 2024.   | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy.<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration |       |

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#### PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

June 2024

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#### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

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# SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

# Remainder of 2023

|                                     | Suggested Topic        | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes   |
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| <sup>1.</sup> Page 33 <sup>2.</sup> | Asset Rationalisation  | <ul> <li>To conclude the existing work<br/>being undertaken</li> </ul>   | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets |   |
| 2.                                  | Section 106 Agreements | <ul> <li>Determine whether S106 monies are being fully utilised</li> <li>Whether members have access to S106 information for their wards.</li> <li>Identify where S106 money was not effectively used.</li> <li>Review how effective the S106 policies have been in each area</li> <li>Understand where and why there have been slippages against the programme and</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration     | The Review Panel<br>and its terms of<br>reference were<br>agreed at the<br>meeting of Place and<br>Environment<br>Scrutiny Committee<br>on 31 October 2023.<br>The Panel is in the<br>process of being<br>established and its<br>first meeting will |

|        | 1                                     | <ul> <li>Develop a consistent and</li> </ul>      | 1   | take place on 4 <sup>th</sup> |     | Formatted: Superscript |
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|        | 1                                     | combined S106 methodology                         | 1   | January 2024,                 | ł   | Deleted: .             |
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|        | 1                                     | To provide recommendations on                     | 1   |                               | 1   |                        |
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| Page   | ICT Value for Money                   | To conclude the existing work                     | Assistant Chief                             |                               |     |                        |
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| Je     | 1                                     |   | Executive Member                            |                               | 1   |                        |
|        | 1                                     | 1   | for Finance and                             |                               | I   |                        |
| 34     | 1                                     | 1   | Transformation                              |                               |     |                        |
| 4.     | Annual Budget and Capital             | To scrutinise the proposed budget                 | Executive Director                          | Phase 1 of this Panel         | I   |                        |
| 11     | Programme (Regular Panel item)        | and capital programme for 2024/25                 |   | concluded on 20               | 1   |                        |
|        |                                       |   | Executive Member                            | November 2023.                | I   |                        |
|        | 1                                     | NB. This will carry over to January 2024          | for Finance and                             |                               |     |                        |
|        | 1                                     |   | Transformation                              | Phase 2 will                  | 1   |                        |
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# SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

## First half of 2024

|                                    | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
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| <sup>1.</sup> Page <sup>3</sup> 35 | Crime and Disorder/Knife Crime                          |  | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>forAdults, Health &<br>Wellbeing |       |
| 35 <sup>3</sup>                    | Annual Review of Outside Bodies<br>(Regular Panel item) | To undertake a regular review of the<br>appropriateness of Outside Bodies sat on<br>by councillors, in accordance with the<br>Outside Bodies Procedure Rules and<br>Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the<br>Constitution. | Head of Democratic<br>Services  |       |
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# SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

# Second half of 2024

|         | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
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| Page 36 | Annual Budget and Capital<br>Programme (Regular Panel item) | <ul> <li>To scrutinise the proposed budget<br/>and capital programme for 2025/26</li> <li>NB. This will carry over to January 2025</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |
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#### ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR SCRUTINY TO BE REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANELS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION

#### First half of 2024

|                       | Suggested Topic      | Reasons Requested for Scrutiny               | Officer and<br>Executive Member   | Notes  |  |
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| <sup>1.</sup> Page 37 | <u>Green Burials</u> | To inform and develop a green burial policy. | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration | Suggestions for EAP<br>consideration can be<br>found arising from the<br>minutes of the<br>Scrutiny Commission<br>held 4 April 2023<br>(minute 74 refers). | Formatted: Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1,<br>2, 3, + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.63<br>cm + Indent at: 1.27 cm<br>Formatted: Font: (Default) Arial, 12 pt |
| 2                     | Adoption of Roads    |  | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration |  | <b>Formatted:</b> Numbered + Level: 1 + Numbering Style: 1, 2, 3, + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.63 cm + Indent at: 1.27 cm   |

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# Scrutiny Management Board 29 February 2024

| Report Title  | Scrutiny Annual Workplan 2023/24 –<br>February 2024 Update  |
|---------------|---|
| Report Author | Ben Smith,<br>Head of Democratic Services/Statutory Scrutiny Officer<br>ben.smith@northnorthants.gov.uk |

| Are there public sector equality duty implications?   | □ Yes              | 🛛 No |
|---|--------------------|------|
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information (whether in appendices or not)?  | 🗆 Yes              | ⊠ No |
| Applicable paragraph number/s for exemption from publication under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972   | N/A                |      |
| Which Corporate Plan priority does the report most closely<br>align with? Our priorities for the future   North Northamptonshire<br>Council (northnorthants.gov.uk) | Modern<br>Services |      |

### List of Appendices

#### Appendix A – Proposed Revisions to Scrutiny Workplan 2023/24 Appendix B – Executive Forward Plan March – June 2024

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. For Scrutiny Management Board to consider the updated annual workplan for 2023/24, attached as Appendix A, and to approve its contents.

#### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The Scrutiny Management Board has overall responsibility for the direction and management of Scrutiny to ensure that non-executive members make an effective contribution to the improvement and development of the Council, its services, and other external public services for the benefit of North Northamptonshire.
- 2.2. As part of this responsibility, the Scrutiny Management Board developed an Annual Scrutiny Workplan during the summer of 2023, approving it on 7

September 2023. This report provides an updated position in respect of the following recent meetings of the three scrutiny committees.

### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Scrutiny Management Board:-
  - (a) Provides comments about whether the updated list of dates for when items included in the Workplan are satisfactory;
  - (b) Considers whether any items in the current Executive Forward Plan, attached as Appendix B, should be added for pre-scrutiny at this stage;
  - (c) Considers whether any items recently generated by scrutiny should be added to the Workplan;
  - (d) Subject to comments made, approve the third iteration of the Workplan attached at Appendix A.
  - (e) Notes that the Workplan remains a living document which will be subject to review and may be updated
    - i. to reflect the changing needs and priorities of scrutiny; and
    - ii. following consideration of items requested by the three scrutiny committees and individual councillors.
- 3.2. (Reason for Recommendations To meet the Constitutional requirements for the Scrutiny Management Board to demonstrate its strategic responsibility for the Scrutiny function, its overall responsibility for the direction and management of Scrutiny, and to fulfil its obligation to develop, approve and monitor the Annual Scrutiny Workplan.
- 3.3. (Alternative Options Considered Not to update the Scrutiny Workplan however this would not demonstrate the Board's strategic responsibility or provide the necessary strategic direction to the three Scrutiny Committees.)

### 4. Report Background

- 4.1. Statutory guidance on scrutiny issued by the then Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in May 2019 states that effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well it can help lay the foundations for targeted, incisive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done badly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any work done is likely to be minimal.
- 4.2. There are several inputs that should be considered in building an effective workplan. These are member ideas, community concerns, the Corporate

Plan, Executive Members and discussions about their individual portfolio objectives, officers and the Executive Forward Plan. It is also important to obtain input from partner organisations.

- 4.3. The Scrutiny Management Board adopted a two-stage approach to work planning for 2023/24. This consisted of information gathering from Executive members and Corporate Leadership Team officers at a workshop held on 8 August 2023, and a further workshop with the Statutory Scrutiny Officer to consider carry forwards from the previous 2022/23 workplan and new items proposed for the 2023/24 year.
- 4.4. The first iteration of the Workplan was then considered and approved at the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board held on 7 September 2023.

### 5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1. The draft updated workplan is attached at Appendix A. The format of the proposed workplan is designed around each scrutiny committee and its meetings schedule for 2023/24, together with a section for scrutiny review panels, in order of priority.
- 5.2. Scrutiny Management Board members received a number of possible items that it may wish to consider at its Scrutiny/Executive Conference on 8 August 2023 from Executive Members and Corporate Leadership Team officers. Board members then developed a proposed list of items at a further workshop held with the Statutory Scrutiny Officer held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- 5.3. In considering its priorities for 2023/24, the Scrutiny Management Board prioritised some aspects of the outstanding 2022/23 workplan that had not been completed, together with new priorities for 2023/24.
- 5.4. Attached at Appendix B is the latest Executive Forward Plan. It is important for the Scrutiny Management Board to regularly review the Executive Forward Plan, to ensure that it also fulfils its obligations for 'pre-scrutiny' to comment on and seek to influence positively Executive decisions that may be forthcoming, either during consultation periods or following consultation periods in advance of the relevant Executive meeting.
- 5.5. It is proposed that in order to provide for effective and focussed scrutiny, no more than two detailed items are considered at each meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.6. In terms of scrutiny panels, the scrutiny procedure rules within the Council's constitution provide for the Scrutiny Management Board to add Panels to the Annual Workplan and determine which Committee shall be responsible for the Panels work. Panels should be used to ensure that the relevant Committee is having an impact and meeting its statutory duties.

- 5.7. Within the Council Constitution's Scrutiny Procedure Rules, there is provision for a maximum of four panels established at any one time across all Committees unless the Scrutiny Management Board agrees that there are exceptional circumstances (taking into consideration resource implications and advice from the statutory Scrutiny Officer). This exclude long standing Panels which meet annually (Outside Bodies Scrutiny Panel and Budget Scrutiny Panel).
- 5.8. It is for the Scrutiny Management Board to decide what action to take on any proposed items, be they for committee or panel consideration, ensuring any that are added are properly thought out in terms of value, duplication and resource.

### 6. Next Steps

- 6.1. Following approval of the updated scrutiny workplan for 2023/24, it will be communicated to all members of the three Scrutiny Committees, together with Executive members and Corporate Leadership Team officers.
- 6.2. The Scrutiny Workplan is purposefully not fully populated at this stage. This is in recognition that there will be new and changing priorities to be considered throughout the remainder of the municipal year, regularly by the Scrutiny Management Board, and additionally through proposed items from the scrutiny committees and councillors.

### 7. Implications (including financial implications)

### 7.1. Resources and Financial

7.1.1. Scrutiny Committees and Panels will be supported by Democratic Services Officers and officers with subject matter expertise from within the relevant departments of the Council. Scrutiny may make recommendations that will have financial implications and these will be identified on a case by case basis.

### 7.2. Legal and Governance

- 7.2.1. The Local Government Act 2000 introduced a requirement to have an overview and scrutiny committee. The principal power of a scrutiny committee is to influence the policies and decisions made by the council and other organisations involved in delivering public services. The Scrutiny Management Board or the three scrutiny committees are not decision making but have the power to gather evidence and make recommendations based upon its findings.
  - 7.3. Relevant Policies and Plans
- 7.3.1. The work of Scrutiny assists with the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan.

### 7.4. **Risk**

7.4.1. Failure to ensure an effective scrutiny function can lead to governance not being as robust. Failure to workplan would not be in line with statutory guidance and may lead to resources being allocated to matters which do not have an impact on the organisation and North Northamptonshire.

#### 7.5. Consultation

7.5.1. None specific, although informal engagement has taken place with partners around items to be included on the workplan, and will continue throughout the municipal year.

### 7.6. Consideration by the Executive

7.6.1. The Executive participated in the Scrutiny/Executive workshop held on 7 August 2023, at which its departmental executive priorities were communicated to Scrutiny Management Board members.

### 7.7. Equality Implications

7.7.1. None specific to this report.

### 7.8. Climate Impact

- 7.8.1. None specific to this report.
- 7.9. **Community Impact**
- 7.9.1. None specific to this report.

### 7.10. Crime and Disorder Impact

7.10.1. None specific to this report.

### 8. Background Papers

- 8.1. <u>Scrutiny Procedure Rules Part 7.1 of the Council's Constitution</u>
- 8.2. <u>May 2019 Overview and Scrutiny Statutory Guidance for Councils and</u> <u>Combined Authorities</u>

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#### Scrutiny Work Plan 2023/2024

The Scrutiny Work Plan outlines the areas of work which are expected to be scrutinised over the coming months/year by or on behalf of the Council's Scrutiny function and any Panels/Task and Finish Groups convened for review work.

Topics added to the work plan will have expected outcomes to add value to the services delivered by the Council and its partners and/or improve the quality of lives of North Northamptonshire residents. It is recognised that there is a need for flexibility in the work plan so as to allow relevant issues to be dealt with as and when they arise.

Numerous sources of information can help to inform topic selection, including:

- Concerns that have been raised by the public/stakeholders (whether they are Council service specific or wider national/local issues)
- Issues relating to Councils outcomes, objectives and priorities
- Consultations and interviews
- Underperformance
- Executive recommendations about the pertinent issues that are emerging and any opportunities or threats on the horizon
- Central government priority changes
- Forward Plan

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Budgetary analysis

Scrutiny should always link back to the Council Corporate Plan so that it is scrutinising whether the Council is meeting its strategic aims.

Scrutiny should use effective processes to select topics that will contribute towards the best possible work plan for Scrutiny. This means looking at the sources of information that may help and using them to choose the right topics. A Scrutiny Conference was attended by Scrutiny members to develop this work plan where they reviewed information to inform the work plan and then prioritised the topics.

Successful Scrutiny is about looking at the right topic in the right way and Members will need to be selective whilst also being able to demonstrate clear arguments in favour of including or excluding topics. A common pitfall for Scrutiny can be the inclusion of topics on the work plan that are unmanageable, of limited interest to the community, purely for informational purposes, have few outcomes and fail to 'add value' to the work of the Council or the wellbeing of the community. As such the selection and prioritisation of topics is critical to the effectiveness of Scrutiny as such processes can ensure clearer focus, particularly in poor or weak areas of performance or major issues of concern to the wider community. It is not possible to include every topic suggested as Scrutiny has limited time and resources and therefore workplans need to be manageable.

### SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

#### 8 29 FEBRUARY 2024

### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

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### **Regular Scrutiny Items**

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| 1. | Review of Scrutiny Workplan    | <ul> <li>To review and update the workplan as required;</li> <li>To consider scrutiny agenda requests and allocate to the relevant Committee if they are approved.</li> </ul> | Head of Democratic<br>Services  |       |
| 2. | To determine call in requests. | <ul> <li>To determine any call-in requests<br/>requested by members following<br/>consideration of relevant key decisions<br/>by the Executive.</li> </ul>                    | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and Governance |       |

### SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

### 4 APRIL 2024

|          | Suggested Topic                | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and Executive<br>Member   | Notes  |
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| 1.       | Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24 | <ul> <li>To consider and approve the Scrutiny Annua<br/>Report 2023/24, for submission to full<br/>Council.</li> </ul>  | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and Governance |  |
| Pçage 47 | Scrutiny/Executive Protocol    | <ul> <li>To consider and approve a Protocol for<br/>working relationships between Scrutiny<br/>and the Executive, following consultation<br/>with the Executive, Scrutiny Chairs and<br/>Vice Chairs, and CLT.</li> </ul> | Head of Democratic<br>Services  | Previously<br>proposed to<br>be<br>considered at<br>February<br>meeting but<br>proposal to<br>delay to allow<br>for informal<br>consultation<br>with the new<br>Chair of<br>Scrutiny<br>Management<br>Board,<br>Leader and<br>Executive. |

# **Regular Scrutiny Items**

|         | Торіс                          | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and Executive<br>Member   | Notes |
|---------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------|
| 1.      | Review of Scrutiny Workplan    | <ul> <li>To review and update the workplan as required;</li> <li>To consider scrutiny agenda requests and allocate to the relevant Committee if they are approved.</li> </ul> | Head of Democratic<br>Services  |       |
| 2.      | To determine call in requests. | To determine any call-in requests<br>requested by members following<br>consideration of relevant key decisions<br>by the Executive.   | Head of Democratic<br>Services,<br>Executive Director of<br>Customer and Governance |       |
| Page 48 |                                |   |   |       |

### CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# 9 April 2024

|                          | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and Executive Member   | Notes   |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 49 | Customer Service Operations and<br>Out of Hours Service | To include an update on the performance<br>and bedding in of the new telephony<br>system, rolled out in summer/autumn<br>2023. | Executive Director<br>for Customer and<br>Governance,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Performance       |   |
| 2.                       | Children's Trust Update                                 | Quarterly Update   | Executive Director,<br>Children's Services/<br>Children's Trust<br>Executive Member<br>for Children's<br>Services | Requested to be<br>added to Workplan by<br>Scrutiny Management<br>Board on 27/11/23 |

### **Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports**

|    | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
|----|--|---|---|-------|
| 1. | Annual Review of Performance<br>Management Framework and Key<br>Performance Indicators | To scrutinise performance management<br>arrangements and key performance<br>indicators to inform the Executive's<br>decision on report for 2024/25. | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation<br>(Report Author –<br>Tom Barden) |       |
| 2. |  |   |   |       |

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# **Regular Scrutiny Items**

|    | Торіс                          | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
|----|--------------------------------|---|--|-------|
| 1. | Performance Indicators 2023/24 | <ul> <li>To provide members with an<br/>update on the Council's<br/>performance across a wide range<br/>of services, as measured by Key<br/>Performance Indicators, with the<br/>aim of informing scrutiny, to<br/>include quarterly complaints<br/>reporting.</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |
| 2. | Forecast Draft Outturn 2023/24 | <ul> <li>A regular monitoring report setting<br/>out the material financial issues<br/>identified since the 2023/24</li> </ul>  | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance  |       |

#### DRAFT TO BE TABLED AT 29/02/24 SMB meeting

|    |                            | budget which was set in February 2023.   | Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation  |
|----|----------------------------|--|--|
| 3. | Capital Monitoring 2023/24 | • A regular monitoring report setting<br>out the material financial issues<br>identified since the 2023/24 capital<br>programme was set in February<br>2023. | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |

### CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### June 2024

### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                          | Suggested Topic                                | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member   | Notes |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|-------|
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 52 | Agency/OPUS figures                            | To scrutinise whether best value is being<br>received from the contract and the<br>impacts of vacancies on the Council.                           | Executive Director<br>of Customer and<br>Governance,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Performance |       |
| 2.                       | Review of Implementation of Pay<br>and Grading | To scrutinise the implementation of the<br>new pay structure and terms and<br>conditions following approval by full<br>Council on 31 August 2023. | Assistant Director<br>for Human<br>Resources   |       |
| 3.                       |  |   |  |       |

|    | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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# **Regular Scrutiny Items**

|               | Торіс                          | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---|--|-------|
| 1.            | Performance Indicators 2023/24 | <ul> <li>To provide members with an<br/>update on the Council's<br/>performance across a wide range<br/>of services, as measured by Key<br/>Performance Indicators, with the<br/>aim of informing scrutiny, to include<br/>quarterly complaints reporting.</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |
| 2.<br>Page,53 | Forecast Draft Outturn 2023/24 | • A regular monitoring report setting<br>out the material financial issues<br>identified since the 2023/24 budget<br>which was set in February 2023.  | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |
| e,53          | Capital Monitoring 2023/24     | • A regular monitoring report setting<br>out the material financial issues<br>identified since the 2023/24 capital<br>programme was set in February<br>2023.  | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation |       |

### CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Topic Areas Beyond June 2024

|                          | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer and<br>Executive Member  | Notes   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 54 | ICT Working Party |                      | Assistant Chief<br>Executive,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation | Requested to be<br>added to Workplan by<br>Scrutiny Management<br>Board on 27/11/23 |
| 2.                       | Transformation    |                      | CLT<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation                           | Requested to be<br>added to Workplan by<br>Scrutiny Management<br>Board on 27/11/23 |
| 3.                       |                   |                      |  |   |
| 4.                       |                   |                      |  |   |

### HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### 12 March 2024

|               | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes  |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1.<br>Page    | GP Performance and Availability                                   | <ul> <li>To scrutinise GP appointment<br/>availability.</li> </ul>  | Director of Public<br>Health and<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing | Proposal from<br>Health Scrutiny<br>Committee to bring<br>forward from list of<br>future items beyond<br>July 2024.  |
| ហ្វ 2.<br>ហ្វ | Substance Abuse   | <ul> <li>To scrutinise strategies in<br/>dealing with substance abuse<br/>and effects on rough sleeping.</li> </ul> | Director of Public<br>Health and<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health<br>& Wellbeing | Proposal from<br>Health Scrutiny<br>Committee to bring<br>forward from list of<br>future items beyond<br>July 2024.  |
| 3.            | NHS Northamptonshire ICB Five-<br>Year Joint Forward Plan 2023-28 | To scrutinise the proposals and<br>targets of the Integrated Care Board<br>over the next five years.                | Director of Place,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health &<br>Wellbeing               | Originally to be<br>considered at<br>November 2023<br>meeting, however<br>proposed for this<br>meeting due to lack of<br>availability of external<br>officers. |

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|    | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member   | Notes   |
|----|---|--|--|---|
| 1. | NNC Homelessness and Rough<br>Sleeping Strategy 2023-28 | <ul> <li>To scrutinise the proposed adoption of<br/>the new strategy by the Executive on<br/>14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 following statutory<br/>consultation and subsequent<br/>amendments.</li> </ul> | Director of Public<br>Health and Executive<br>Member for Adults,<br>Health & Wellbeing | Proposal from Health<br>Scrutiny meeting held on<br>14 November 2023. |

### HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 14 May 2024

### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                  | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny                                      | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member   | Notes |
|------------------|--|---|--|-------|
| 1.<br>Page 57 2. | Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS<br>Foundation Trust – Quality Report | • To scrutinise the annual report of the Foundation Trust | Representative of<br>the NHS<br>Foundation Trust,<br>TBC,<br>Executive Member<br>for Adults, Health &<br>Wellbeing |       |

|    | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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| 1. |                 |                      |  |       |
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July 2024

# **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|                 | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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|    | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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| 1. |                 |                      |  |       |
| 2. |                 |                      |  |       |

### HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Topic Areas Beyond July 2024

|               | Suggested Topic            | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|-------|
| 1.            | Exclusions                 |                      |  |       |
| 2.<br>P       | Family Hubs                |                      |  |       |
| Page 3.       | Disabled Facilities Grants |                      |  |       |
| 5 <u>9</u> 4. |                            |                      |  |       |
| 5.            |                            |                      |  |       |
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### PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 5 February 2024 (additional) 27 February 2024

|                          | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, and<br>Executive Member  | Notes  |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 60 | Sustainable Urban Extensions  | To scrutinise SUEs arising from a concern<br>that these are not moving forward quickly<br>enough (e.g. Rushden, Tresham and<br>Corby West). If these fail to happen in a<br>timely manner it puts more pressure on<br>our housing supply | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration<br>(Report Author Rob<br>Harbour/Stacey<br>Wylie) | First meeting of<br>Scrutiny Panel has<br>taken place, second<br>one is scheduled for<br>29 2 2024 |
| 2                        | Review of progress in relation to the<br>Bus Service Improvement Plan | To consider the impact that grant funding<br>may have on the North Northamptonshire<br>area and outcome of the enhanced<br>partnership   | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(Report Author:<br>Chris Wragg)              | Discussed at meeting<br>on 5-2-2024  |

|         | Suggested Topic           | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, and<br>Executive Member   | Notes  |
|---------|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1.      | Kettering Leisure Village | Consideration of Business Case prior to Executive decision.                               | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(Report Author:<br>Kerry Purnell)          | May not be available<br>for this meeting is<br>being discussed at a<br>special CLT meeting<br>w/c 12 2 24.<br>May need an<br>additional meeting in<br>March. |
| Page 61 | Asset Acquisition Policy  | To pre-scrutinise the proposed policy<br>being considered by the Executive on<br>21/12/23 | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(Report author:<br>Jonathan<br>Waterworth) | JW advised that the<br>report wlil not be<br>ready no forward<br>date given but<br>moved to April  |
| 3.      | Surplus Asset Disposal    | To pre-scrutinise the proposed policy<br>being considered by the Executive on<br>21/12/23 | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(RA: Jonathan<br>Waterworth)               | Due to be heard on 5<br>2 2024 but pulled<br>from agenda. Report<br>expected   |

| 4. | Workspace Transformation<br>Project | Update in relation to the Asset<br>Rationalisation and Use Scrutiny Panel | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(RA: Jonathan<br>Waterworth) | Added by JW 7 2 24.<br>Not sure when this<br>will be available so<br>may not go to this<br>committee.<br>May have to go to an<br>additional meeting in |
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|    |                                     |   | /  | March.   |

|         | Suggested Topic  | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and Executive Member   | Notes   |
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| Page 62 | Rural Isolation and Accessibility                                    | To scrutinise how rural isolation and<br>accessibility to work and education is being<br>addressed to enable travel to work and<br>education? | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Members<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>and Rural<br>Communities and<br>Localism | Invitations to be<br>extended to Health<br>Scrutiny Chair/Vice<br>Chair and members<br>due to the work being<br>undertaken by Local<br>Area Partnerships<br>around rural isolation.<br>This was incorporate<br>in the Bus<br>Improvement Plan. No<br>additional report to be<br>provided. |
| 2.      | How the Council is working towards an integrated transport solution. | To scrutinise the strategic objectives of<br>the Council in achieving an integrated<br>transport solution.                                    | Assistant Director<br>for Highways and<br>Waste,  | GK and CW don't<br>know what this relates<br>to so will speak with  |

#### DRAFT TO BE TABLED AT 29/02/24 SMB meeting

|   |                      |  | Executive member<br>for Highways, travel<br>and Assets   | chair to see what is required.   |
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| 3 | Planning Enforcement | What is the current status of their<br>activities and what are the policy<br>priorities? | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration | May not be required<br>as Planning<br>Enforcement<br>Briefing taking place<br>on 14 December<br>2023 |

| -    | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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#### PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

30 April 2024

|                  | Suggested Topic                          | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes  |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1.<br>Page 6     | Review of Changes to Planning<br>Service | One year follow up to review impact of<br>changes to planning service following<br>LGA Peer review and subsequent<br>changes to service provision.   | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration  |  |
| <u>6</u><br>4 2. | Section 106 Agreements                   | To report back the outcome of the<br>Scrutiny Review Panel taking place<br>between January and April 2024.   | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration  | First meeting of<br>Scrutiny Panel has<br>taken place, second<br>one is scheduled for<br>29 2 2024 |
| 3                | Sustainable Urban Extensions             | To scrutinise SUEs arising from a<br>concern that these are not moving<br>forward quickly enough (e.g. Rushden,<br>Tresham and Corby West). If these fail to<br>happen in a timely manner it puts more<br>pressure on our housing supply | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration<br>(Report Author Rob<br>Harbour/Stacey<br>Wylie) | -Connected with<br>above Scrutiny Panel.   |

|         | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and Executive Member  | Notes  |
|---------|---|--|--|--|
| 1.      | Asset Acquisition Policy                                  | To pre-scrutinise the proposed policy<br>being considered by the Executive on<br>21/12/23  | Executive Director<br>of Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets<br>(Report author:<br>Jonathan<br>Waterworth)                                       | JW advised that the<br>report wlil not be<br>ready no forward<br>date given  |
| Page 65 | NNC Homelessness and Rough<br>Sleeping Strategy 2023-2028 | To pre-scrutinise the Strategy to be<br>approved by the Executive on 14/03/24,<br>arising from statutory consultation and<br>subsequent amendments | Executive Director<br>– Adults, Health<br>Partnerships and<br>Housing,<br>Executive Member<br>– Housing,<br>Communities and<br>Levelling Up<br>(Report author:<br>Evonne Coleman-<br>Thomas) | ECT has stated this<br>should go to other<br>committees, however<br>terms of reference are<br>clear it falls under<br>Place.<br>Will move to April<br>whilst under<br>discussion<br>Discussions about<br>whether this should<br>go to Scrutiny<br>Committee. |

| PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE |
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| June 2024                                |

### **Detailed Scrutiny Items**

|           | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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|    | Suggested Topic | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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#### PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Topic Areas Beyond June 2014

|                 | Suggested Topic | Reasons for Scrutiny | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member | Notes |
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| 1.              |                 |                      |  |       |
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| • <sup>4.</sup> |                 |                      |  |       |
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### SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

Remainder of 2023

|                          | Suggested Topic        | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes   |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 68 | Asset Rationalisation  | <ul> <li>To conclude the existing work<br/>being undertaken</li> </ul>   | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Highways,<br>Travel and Assets |   |
| 2.                       | Section 106 Agreements | <ul> <li>Determine whether S106 monies are being fully utilised</li> <li>Whether members have access to S106 information for their wards.</li> <li>Identify where S106 money was not effectively used.</li> <li>Review how effective the S106 policies have been in each area</li> <li>Understand where and why there have been slippages against the programme and</li> <li>Develop a consistent and</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration     | The Review Panel<br>and its terms of<br>reference were<br>agreed at the<br>meeting of Place and<br>Environment<br>Scrutiny Committee<br>on 31 October 2023.<br>The Panel is in the<br>process of being<br>established and its<br>first meeting will |

|                  |   | <ul> <li>combined S106 methodology<br/>looking at new legislative<br/>requirements of the Council, i.e.<br/>biodiversity, carbon offsetting,<br/>building in green initiatives.</li> <li>To provide recommendations on<br/>procedures to ensure that S106<br/>money is always put to good use in<br/>time, before entitlement lapses.</li> <li>To provide recommendations on<br/>recording of S106 spend that is<br/>transparent and accessible</li> </ul> |  | take place on 4 <sup>th</sup><br>January 2024.<br>Second meeting<br>scheduled for 29<br>February 2024   |
|------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 3.<br>Page       | ICT Value for Money   | <ul> <li>To conclude the existing work<br/>being undertaken</li> </ul>   | Assistant Chief<br>Executive,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation     |   |
| 69 <sup>4.</sup> | Annual Budget and Capital<br>Programme (Regular Panel item) | <ul> <li>To scrutinise the proposed budget<br/>and capital programme for 2024/25</li> <li>NB. This will carry over to January 2024</li> </ul>  | Executive Director<br>of Finance,<br>Executive Member<br>for Finance and<br>Transformation | Phase 1 of this Panel<br>concluded on 20<br>November 2023.<br>Phase 2 will<br>commence in<br>December 2023 and<br>conclude in<br>February 2024. |

#### SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

### First half of 2024

|                 | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny   | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member  | Notes |
|-----------------|---|--|---|-------|
| 1.<br>Page 7    | Crime and Disorder/Knife Crime                          |  | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>forAdults, Health &<br>Wellbeing |       |
| 7 <sub>2.</sub> | Annual Review of Outside Bodies<br>(Regular Panel item) | To undertake a regular review of the<br>appropriateness of Outside Bodies sat on<br>by councillors, in accordance with the<br>Outside Bodies Procedure Rules and<br>Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the<br>Constitution. | Head of Democratic<br>Services  |       |
| 3.              |   |  |   |       |
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### SCRUTINY REVIEW PANELS

Second half of 2024

|            | Suggested Topic   | Reasons for Scrutiny  | Officer, Chair and<br>Executive Member                                   | Notes |
|------------|---|---|--|-------|
| 1.<br>Page | Annual Budget and Capital<br>Programme (Regular Panel item) | <ul> <li>To scrutinise the proposed budget<br/>and capital programme for 2025/26</li> <li>NB. This will carry over to January 2025</li> </ul> | Executive Director<br>of Finance and<br>Performance,<br>Executive Member |       |
| 71         |   |   | for Finance and<br>Transformation  |       |
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### ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR SCRUTINY TO BE REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANELS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION

First half of 2024

|                          | Suggested Topic   | Reasons Requested for Scrutiny               | Officer and   | Notes  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|---|--|
|                          |                   |  | Executive Member  |  |
| <sup>1.</sup><br>Page 72 | Green Burials     | To inform and develop a green burial policy. | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration | Suggestions for EAP<br>consideration can be<br>found arising from the<br>minutes of the<br><u>Scrutiny Commission</u><br><u>held 4 April 2023</u><br>(minute 74 refers). |
| 2.                       | Adoption of Roads |  | Executive Director<br>for Place and<br>Economy,<br>Executive Member<br>for Growth and<br>Regeneration |  |



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## INTRODUCTION

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| The Members of the Executive a | The Members of the Executive are:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Councillor Jason Smithers      | Leader of North Northamptonshire Council   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Helen Howell        | Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council<br>Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Gill Mercer         | Adults, Health and Wellbeing   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Scott Edwards       | Children, Families, Education and Skills   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Harriet Pentland    | Climate and Green Environment  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Lloyd Bunday        | Finance and Transformation   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concillor David Brackenbury    | Growth and Regeneration  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor Matt Binley         | Highways, Travel and Assets  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consincillor Mark Rowley       | Housing, Communities and Levelling-Up  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Councillor David Howes         | Rural Communities and Localism   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The concept of a "key decision" is intended to capture the most important or significant decisions. "Key decisions" will normally be made at meetings open to the press and public. The press and public will only be excluded from such meetings as and when the Council's Monitoring Officer considers that this is necessary in order to avoid the public disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

The authority has decided that a Key Decision is one which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the authority incurring expenditure of which is, or the making of savings which are, significant; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards in the area of the authority."

The Council has decided that significant expenditure or savings are those amounting to above £500,000.

In determining the meaning of *"significant"* for these purposes North Northamptonshire Council will also have regard to any guidance for the time being issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000.

At times it may be necessary for the North Northamptonshire Council to give consideration to items where the public may be excluded from the meeting. Members of the public are excluded from meetings whenever it is likely that, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed. This includes exclusion from access to any pertinent documents. Details of the exemption categories can be found in the 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' section in the Council's <u>Constitution</u>. This plan provides advance notice of any items which may be held in private.

Paragraph 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides for members of the public to make representations to the Council on why an exempt item should be considered in public, rather than in private. Persons wishing to make such representations and/or obtain further details in respect of any issues referred to in the Plan should contact the undermentioned officer.

The Monitoring Officer may also include in the Forward Plan references to such other decisions, which are to be taken by the Council or any of its Committees or Sub-Committee or officers as they consider appropriate. These will be those decisions that are considered to be significant or sufficiently important and/or sensitive so that it is reasonable for a member of the public to expect it to be recorded and published.

All general questions or queries about the contents of this Forward Plan or about the arrangements for taking key decisions should be raised with David Pope, Democratic Services.

Please email: <u>democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk</u>

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| Budget Forecast<br>Update 2023-24 -<br>Period 10<br>Page<br>76              | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year budget    | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024      | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Capital Programme<br>Update 2023/24   | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year programme | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024      | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Annual Inflationary<br>Uplifts Contracted<br>Adult Social Care<br>Providers | To approve the annual uplifts                            | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024      | Executive<br>Member - Adults,<br>Health and<br>Wellbeing<br>Executive                                      |

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|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|----|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Post 16 Policy for<br>Home to school<br>transport                                  | Approval of policy<br>document    | Executive | Yes | No |   | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Highways, Travel<br>and Assets<br>Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy                                     |
| Adult Social Care<br>(ASC) Strategic<br>Framework                                  | To approve the framework          | Executive | Yes | No | No formal but<br>informal<br>within NNC<br>and with<br>appropriate<br>partners. | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member - Adults,<br>Health and<br>Wellbeing<br>Executive<br>Director - Adults,<br>Health<br>Partnerships and<br>Housing (DASS) |
| Children's Services<br>Case Management<br>System (CapitaOne)<br>Contract Extension | To approve the contract extension | Executive | Yes | No |   | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Children,<br>Families,<br>Education and<br>Skills  |
|  |                                   |           |     |    |   |                                | Executive<br>Director -<br>Children's<br>Services   |

| Kitchen Food Waste<br>Service Rollout  | To approve<br>commencement of<br>the project for<br>Kitchen Food<br>Waste Service<br>Rollout | Executive | Yes | No |                             | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Highways, Travel<br>and Assets<br>Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy                                     |
|--|--|-----------|-----|----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Sustainable Modes of<br>Travel to School<br>Strategy<br>Page<br>78                   | To agree to adopt<br>the Sustainable<br>Modes of Travel to<br>School Strategy                | Executive | Yes | No |                             | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Children,<br>Families,<br>Education and<br>Skills<br>Executive<br>Director -<br>Children's<br>Services             |
| Household Support<br>Fund Impact and<br>Mitigation Report                            | Decision on future<br>funding allocations  | Executive | Yes | No |                             | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member - Adults,<br>Health and<br>Wellbeing<br>Executive<br>Director - Adults,<br>Health<br>Partnerships and<br>Housing (DASS) |
| Appointment of Non-<br>Executive Director to<br>Northamptonshire<br>Children's Trust | Approval of<br>appointment of the<br>nominated<br>individual                                 | Executive | Yes | No | Department<br>for Education | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member - Leader<br>of the Council  |

|   |   |           |     |    |   |                                | Director of<br>Governance and<br>HR   |
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| Update to North<br>Northamptonshire<br>Council Unacceptable<br>Behaviour Policy | Revised NNC<br>Unacceptable<br>Customer<br>Behaviour policy,<br>to be adopted and<br>to replace the<br>version currently<br>published | Executive | Yes | No | Internal<br>policy<br>consultation<br>with staff, key<br>stakeholders<br>and trade<br>unions<br>undertaken<br>and informed<br>policy<br>development | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Director of<br>Governance and<br>HR |
| Netth<br>Novthamptonshire<br>Concil Complaints<br>Remedy Policy                 | Approval sought<br>for Complaints<br>Remedy Policy  | Executive | Yes | No | Internal<br>policy<br>consultation<br>with staff, key<br>stakeholders<br>and trade<br>unions<br>undertaken<br>and informed<br>policy<br>development | 14 <sup>th</sup> March<br>2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Assistant Chief<br>Executive        |

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| Budget Forecast<br>2023-24 - Period 11<br>Page<br>80 | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year budget                               | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024         | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Capital Programme<br>Update 2023-24                  | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year programme                            | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024         | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Council-Owned<br>Company Governance<br>Arrangements  | To approve<br>governance<br>arrangements<br>relating to Council-<br>owned companies | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024         | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive  |

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| Carbon Management<br>Plan Annual Report                            | To consider and<br>note the annual<br>report  | Executive | Yes | No                             |   | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Executive<br>Member - Climate<br>and Green<br>Environment   |
|  |   |           |     |                                |   |                             | Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy  |
| Kettering Leisure<br>Village Business Case<br>Page<br>8            | To consider and<br>approve the<br>proposed<br>Business Case<br>regarding the<br>future of KLV | Executive | Yes | No                             |   | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Executive<br>Member - Deputy<br>Leader & Sports,<br>Leisure, Culture<br>and Tourism<br>Director of Public<br>Health |
| Northamptonshire<br>Serious Violence Duty<br>Strategy 2023 to 2025 | Endorse the<br>Northamptonshire<br>SVD Strategy<br>2023 and 2025                              | Executive | Yes | No                             | Consultation<br>has taken<br>place with the<br>five specified<br>authorities<br>and other<br>stakeholders<br>in preparing<br>the SVD<br>Strategy. | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Housing,<br>Communities and<br>Levelling Up<br>Director of Public<br>Health                |
| Knights Farm Overage<br>Legal Agreement                            | To extend the<br>Planning Longstop<br>date of a new   | Executive | Yes | Partially<br>exempt; Para<br>3 |   | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Highways, Travel   |

|  | Deed of Variation<br>by one year to<br>April 2025 |           |     |                                |   |                             | and Assets<br>Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy  |
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| Disposal of Land off<br>Rothwell Road, South<br>Desborough | To approve<br>disposal of the<br>land             | Executive | Yes | Partially<br>exempt; Para<br>3 | Public<br>notification<br>carried out<br>under<br>s.123(2A) of<br>the Local<br>Government<br>Act 1972 | 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Highways, Travel<br>and Assets<br>Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy |

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| Capital Programme<br>Update 2023-24<br>P<br>ລູ<br>ເດ | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year programme  | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024           | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Capital Outturn Report<br>2023/24 - Period 12        | To report on the<br>Capital Budget on<br>a quarterly basis  | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024           | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |
| Half Yearly Treasury<br>Management Update            | Updates the<br>Council's treasury<br>management and<br>prudential<br>indicators.<br>Updates Council's | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024           | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive  |

|   | treasury<br>management<br>activities and<br>performance for<br>the second half of<br>the financial year<br>in accordance with<br>the CIPFA's Code<br>of Practice on<br>Treasury<br>Management. |           |     |    |                           | Director - Finance<br>& Performance   |
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| Asset Acquisition<br>Policy<br>Page<br>84 | To consider<br>adopting an NNC<br>policy.  | Executive | Yes | No | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 | Executive<br>Member -<br>Highways, Travel<br>and Assets<br>Executive<br>Director - Place<br>and Economy |

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| Budget Forecast<br>2023-24 - Period 12<br>Page<br>85         | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year budget           | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |  | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024          | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |  |  |
| Capital Programme<br>Update 2023-24                          | To report any<br>adjustments to the<br>in-year programme        | Executive         | Yes                      | No   |  | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024          | Executive<br>Member -<br>Finance and<br>Transformation<br>Executive<br>Director - Finance<br>& Performance |  |  |
| NNC Homelessness<br>and Rough Sleeping<br>Strategy 2023-2028 | To seek the<br>Executive's<br>approval to adopt<br>the proposed | Executive         | Yes                      | No   | Initial<br>consultation<br>event was<br>held 21/9/22 | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024          | Executive<br>Member -<br>Housing,<br>Communities and   |  |  |

| and Ro<br>Sleepi<br>followi<br>consul<br>subsec | ing Strategy<br>ing statutory<br>Itation and | attended by<br>approx. 120<br>stakeholders.<br>Feedback<br>from this<br>event was<br>utilised to<br>develop the<br>draft strategy.<br>The draft<br>document will<br>undergo a 6-<br>week formal<br>statutory<br>consultation<br>and<br>additional<br>proactive<br>consultation<br>with service<br>users is<br>planned | Levelling Up<br>Assistant Director<br>Strategic<br>Housing,<br>Development and<br>Property Services |
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