

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Scrutiny Management Board on Monday 27 November 2023

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Item 5	Scrutiny Workplan - November 2023 Update	<p>That the Scrutiny Management Board:-</p> <p>(a) Notes the updated list of dates for when items included in the Workplan are to be considered;</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) Notes that the Workplan remains a living document which will be subject to review and may be updated further</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p><i>(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.</i></p> <p><i>(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.)</i></p>
Item 6	Scrutiny Training Programme	<p>That the Scrutiny Management Board:-</p> <p>(a) Notes and welcomes the recent programme of training undertaken;</p> <p>(b) Considers that it would be useful to complement the CfGS training with internal</p>

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		<p>training by officers in respect of understanding local government data and performance indicators.</p> <p><i>(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.)</i></p> <p><i>(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.)</i></p>