

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
- 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.

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 November 2023

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
1.	Kettering General Hospital Annual Report	Approved in June 2023	Representative from KGH, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	
2.	Dentistry Availability and Performance	Are we meeting our obligations to children and adults in the provision of NHS Dentistry within North Northamptonshire	Representative from dentistry, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	

Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
1.	Culture, Heritage and Tourism Business Plan	To scrutinise the proposed Business Plan, scheduled to be considered by the Executive on 16 th November 2023	Executive Director – Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing,	

			Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture & Tourism	
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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 January 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
1.	Update on Kettering General Hospital Rebuild	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise the progress being made with the rebuild of KGH	Representative from KGH, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	
2.	Health Integration - Progress from the Local Area Partnerships/Community Wellbeing Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide an update on how some of the key local partnerships arising from Integrated Care in Northamptonshire are performing and meeting their outcomes.	Director of Place, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	
3.	NHS Northamptonshire ICB Five-Year Joint Forward Plan 2023-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise the proposals and targets of the Integrated Care Board over the next five years.	Director of Place, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	
4.	EMAS Annual Report	EMAS published its annual report on 21 June 2023 - <u>EMAS Annual Report 2022 to 2023</u>	Representative from EMAS, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	

Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 March 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

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Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 May 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

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1.	Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Quality Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise the annual report of the Foundation Trust	Representative of the NHS Foundation Trust, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	
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