

Health Scrutiny Work Plan 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

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.	Specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services for individuals rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise NNC's use of Public Health Reserves to fund activities up to £600,000 for specialist drug and alcohol treatment services for people rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping until 31st March 2026.	Housing Policy and Performance Manager	
4.	EMAS Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EMAS published its annual report on 21 June 2023 so to ask them to Health Scrutiny in the autumn, and schedule it	Representative from EMAS, TBC, Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	Originally to be considered at November 2023 meeting, however proposed for this meeting due to lack of

		earlier for next year. EMAS Annual Report 2022 to 2023		availability of external officers.
5.	Short Breaks and Respite for Children with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update regarding work and public consultation completed to date to develop a new model for short breaks and respite for children with disabilities. 	Executive Director of Adults, Communities & Wellbeing	

Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

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

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12 March 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
1.	Substance Misuse	To scrutinise strategies in dealing with substance misuse.	Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	Proposal from Health Scrutiny Committee to bring forward from list of future items beyond July 2024.
2.	NHS Health Checks		Director of Public Health	

Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

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1.	NNC Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise the proposed adoption of the new strategy by the Executive on 14th March 2024 following statutory consultation and subsequent amendments.	Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	Proposal from Health Scrutiny meeting held on 14 November 2023.

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14 May 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
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	
2.	NHS Northamptonshire ICB Five-Year Joint Forward Plan 2023-28	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	Originally to be considered at November 2023 meeting, however proposed for this meeting due to lack of availability of external officers.
3.	GP Performance and Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To scrutinise GP appointment availability.	Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Adults, Health & Wellbeing	Proposal from Health Scrutiny Committee to bring forward from list of future items beyond July 2024.

Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
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July 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
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Pre-Scrutiny of Executive Reports

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Topic Areas Beyond July 2024

Detailed Scrutiny Items

	Suggested Topic	Reasons for Scrutiny	Officer, Chair and Executive Member	Notes
1.	Exclusions			
2.	Family Hubs			
3.	Disabled Facilities Grants			
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