

Prosperous Communities Executive Advisory Panel









Forward Plan

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Proposed areas to explore

Area	Exec Member	Director	Assistant Director
Affordable Homes	Cllr Mark Rowley	ED – A, HP & H	Assistant Director of Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services
Highways	Cllr Matt Binley	ED – P & E	Assistant Director of Highways and Waste
Social Housing	Cllr Mark Rowley	ED – A, HP & H	Assistant Director of Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services
Housing Strategy	Cllr Mark Rowley	ED – A, HP & H	Assistant Director of Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services
Development	Cllr Mark Rowley/ Cllr Matt Binley	ED – A, HP & H / ED P & E	Assistant Director of Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration
Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	Cllr Mark Rowley/ Cllr Matt Binley	ED – A, HP & H / ED P & E	Assistant Director of Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration
Levelling Up	Cllr Mark Rowley	ED – A, HP & H / DPH/ED P & E	Assistant Director of Communities and Leisure
Anti-Social Behaviour/Nuisance Waste	Cllr Mark Rowley	ED – A, HP & H / DPH/ED P & E	Assistant Director of Communities and Leisure
Asset Management and Development	Cllr Matt Binley	ED – P & E	Assistant Director of Assets and Environment



Forward Plan agreed items

Agenda Item	Verbal/Paper	Assistant Director/Lead	Proposed EAP Date
Item 1: Housing Strategic Framework Item 2: Highways Annual Plan		ICS Place Director Assistant Director Highways and Waste	Friday, 22 March 2024
Item 3: Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024 Item 4: Severe Weather Emergency Protocol		Executive Director Place & Economy Assistant Director Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services	
Item 1: Draft Economic Growth Strategy Item 2: Service presentation – Keyways & Housing Allocations (to inform forward plan) (1 hr)		Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration Assistant Director Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services	Wednesday, 8 May 2024
Item 3: Parking Strategy (TBC) Item 4: Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024 Final Draft		Executive Director Place & Economy Executive Director Place & Economy	



Place and Economy

Steve Smith

Assistant Director (Interim) Highways & Waste

Summary of Service Area

- Responsible for highway maintenance, including carriageways, footways, drainage, verges and vegetation, street lighting and bridges, litter picking and cleansing and public rights of way.
- Responsible for strategic transport initiatives and policies, including road safety, active travel, public transport, major road schemes, development management and all third party streetworks.
- Responsible for Waste collection and disposal including flytipping and household waste recycling centres.
- Responsible for home to school transport.

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- Highway Network Management Plan
- Street Lighting Policy
- Local Transport Plan
- Highway Inspection Manual
- HWRC Strategy 2025-2040
- Post 16 Home to School Policy
- Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy
- Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans

- Implementation of Government's Simpler Recycling Initiative
- Home to School Transport
- Bus Network Review



lain Smith Assistant Director Regulatory Services

Summary of Service Area - Responsible for ensuring the Council meets its statutory duties in relation to;

- Environmental Health & Licensing including Food safety and sampling, infectious disease control, health and safety of workplaces/events, air quality/permitting, nuisances, contaminated land, pest and stray dog control, licensing of premise and vehicles, animal welfare etc.
- Trading Standards and Bereavement Services including Food Standards, counterfeit goods, rogue traders/scams, consumer protection complaints, burials, crematoria, cremations and maintenance of cemetery grounds.
- Building Control and Local Land Charges including building regulations approvals, dangerous structures, enforcement, maintaining local land charges register and carrying out Local Land charges/Personal Search requests.
- Private Sector Housing including Housing Standards enforcement and complaints, HMO Licensing, Empty Homes, Provision of Disabled Facilities Grants and energy efficiency works in private sector.
- Emergency Planning working with internal/external partners i.e. LRF to assess, plan, mitigate and respond to community and organisational risks to minimise impacts and maintain business continuity.

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- Private Sector Housing Strategy (Part of Wider Cross Tenure Housing Strategy (Public and Private) led on by Evonne Coleman-Thomas)
- Empty Homes Strategy
- Street Trading Policy
- Animal Welfare Policy

- Review of options for future delivery of Cremation Services within North Northamptonshire
- Approval and implementation of a revised model of governance for Traveller Liaison Functions
- Project delivery of digitalisation of local land charges data and migration of data to His Majesty's Land Registry
- Implementation of Single Regulatory Services case management system



Rob Harbour Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration

Summary of Service Area

- Planning Management & Enforcement including the determination of all planning applications across North Northamptonshire and the investigation and enforcement of breaches of planning control
- Planning Policy including the development of strategic and local planning polices across North Northamptonshire
- Economic Growth including support to local businesses, inward investment, employment and skills
- Regeneration including the development of plans and delivery of projects such as the Corby Towns Fund projects
- Sustainability focused on providing strategic direction on climate change and the progress of the Council and wider North Northamptonshire area towards carbon neutrality

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- North Northamptonshire Local Plan
- Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan
- Economic Growth Strategy
- Climate Change Strategy

- Transformation of NN Planning Service (overseen by Planning Transformation Board)
- Procurement and implementation of a single case management system for the Planning Service
- Review and redesign of Growth & Regeneration services structure



Jonathan Waterworth
Job title

Summary of Service Area

- Asset Management management of the Council's general fund estate (corporate, operational, surplus and investment properties), including leases, disposals and acquisitions.
- Property Operations covering Facilities Management, compliance & maintenance, and Energy management.
- Capital Projects provision of a capital project management service for building projects across Directorates
- Environment Covering Grounds Maintenance of NNC open space and urban green verges, Country Parks, Fleet Management, public car parks and On & Off Street Parking Enforcement,

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- Asset Strategy: overarching strategy building on existing policies
- Acquisition, & Investment Policies
- NNC Car Parking Strategy
- Building and Fleet strategies as they relate to the Carbon Management Plan
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy

- Workspace Transformation Project (Office Rationalisation)
- Corporate Landlord Project
- Implementation of new single Asset Management IT System (currently being procured)
- Completion of redesign and restructure of Asset & Environment teams



Evonne Coleman-Thomas

Assistant Director Strategic Housing, Development and Property Services

Summary of Service Area

- Responsible for all strategic Housing services, Including Housing and Tenancy Services, and Homelessness.
- Responsible for all housing development activity, including acquisitions, new build and redevelopments
- Strategic Lead for all council I housing repairs, responsive and capital programmes.

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- Housing Strategy
- Homelessness Strategy
- Development Strategy
- Resident Engagement Strategy

- Harmonisation of the Housing Revenue Account to deliver one HRA rather that the current separate Corby and Kettering Neighbourhood Accounts.
- Review of interim structures across the housing service, to ensure we remain agile and fit for purpose.
- Consideration as to management of our own temporary accommodation stock



Kerry Purnell

Assistant Director Communities and Leisure

Summary of Service Area

- Culture, Tourism and Heritage, including Chester House Estate, Cornerstone, Discover Northamptonshire Tourism Hub at Rushden Lakes, Corby Heritage Centre, The Greenway, NN events
- Leisure and Active Communities, in-house and commissioned providers across the Leisure estate and active communities, sports, physical activity and play development
- Community Safety, including DA and Sexual Violence
- Communities and Wellbeing, including the A New Sense of Place programme, grant giving, community development, and Refugee Resettlement
- Library Services

Possible areas for EAP to consider

Policies and strategies in development

- County-wide Tourism (Discover Northamptonshire) Strategy, at stakeholder engagement stage
- Leisure Strategic Framework Active Communities Strategy, Leisure Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies and future delivery model options- work recently commissioned
- DA and Sexual Violence Commissioning Framework
- Greenway Strategy and locality plans

- CCTV transformation programme (at early scoping stage)Short description of areas responsible for (12 font)
- Future governance options for Chester House Estate
- Full disaggregation of the library service
- Would the A New Sense of Place programme come to this EAP?

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Job title

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