

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY– WORK PROGRAMME 2009/2010

In Depth Policy Reviews

Topic Area	Rationale for Review	Parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Lead Councillor	Suggested Timescale
Partnership working with WNDC	To establish how well West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC) is performing and how well Northampton Borough Council and WNDC are working together in partnership to deliver the regeneration, planning and growth objectives for the town.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1	Councillor Andrew Simpson	From: August 2008 To: February 2009 COMPLETED
Scrutiny of the Emergent Joint Core Strategy	To scrutinise the emergent core joint strategy.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 All members of the Council invited to partake	Councillor Andrew Simpson	From: August 2009 To: September 2009 COMPLETED

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Concessionary Bus Passes	To investigate the impact of the variation to concessionary bus passes Appreciative Inquiry Approach	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1	Councillor Paul Varnserry	From: October 2008 To: Autumn 2009 COMPLETED
Costs of Consultants to the Council	To assess the costs of consultants.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3	Councillor Tony Clarke	From: June 2009 To: March 2010
Community Centres – Review and Strategy	To investigate the Community Centres Review	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1	Councillor Portia Wilson	From: December 2009 To: March 2010
Review of Parks and Grounds Maintenance	To investigate the service and improve the experience of local people and visitors as a result Appreciative Inquiry Approach	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	Councillor Phil Larratt	From: October 2008 To: TBA ON HOLD AWAITING REPORT OF PARKS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP
Review Council owned Garages Appreciative Inquiry Approach	To investigate Council owned Garages	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	Councillor Dennis Meredith	From: July 2009 To: October 2009

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Sheltered Housing/Care Homes	To investigate the service and make recommendations for improvement as appropriate	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	Councillor Christopher Malpas	From: October 2009 To: March 2010
Proposed new Tenancy Agreement Appreciative Inquiry	To investigate the proposed new Tenancy Agreement	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	Councillor Christopher Malpas	From: July 2009 To: Completed
Initial Private Sector Housing Strategy	To investigate the Council's procedure for disability facility grants Appreciative Inquiry Approach	JOINT REVIEW Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 and Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3	Councillor David Garlick	From: To reconvene TBA To: TBA NB: ON HOLD. To reconvene when the Private Sector Housing Strategy is produced
Choice Based Lettings Appreciative Inquiry Approach	To investigate the Choice Based Lettings System and to improve the accessibility of the service as a result	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	Councillor John Yates	From: February 2009 To: July 2009 – To reconvene in 2010
Tenant Resource Centre	To investigate the need for a Tenant Resource Centre, should the need arise	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2	TBA	From: TBA To: TBA REMOVED 23 APRIL 2009

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<p>The robustness of housing allocations and the quality of tenants' accommodation and approved landlords</p>	<p>To investigate the allocations systems and to improve the accessibility of the service as a result</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>From: TBA To: TBA</p>
<p>Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)</p>	<p>To investigate how the Council currently works in partnership with this sector and to improve the relationship and service received as a result</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>From: TBA To: TBA BRIEFING NOTE PRODUCED. TO REMAIN ON THE WORK PROGRAMME</p>
<p>Tenancy Occupation and Subletting</p>	<p>To investigate tenancies with particular focus on subletting of property</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>From: TBA To: TBA</p>
<p>HRA Asset Management & Strategy</p>	<p>To improve safety both in the home and the environment</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>From: TBA To: TBA</p>
<p>Northampton Borough Council's Customer Services</p>	<p>To investigate the Council's Customer Services and make recommendations for improvement</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3</p>	<p>Councillor Jamie Lane</p>	<p>From:- Oct/Nov 2008 To: May 2009 COMPLETED</p>

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Monitoring and Budget Programme	To investigate the Council's monitoring and budget programme and make recommendations for improvement	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3	Councillor Tim Hadland	From: July 2008 To: July 2010 and ongoing ONGOING
Review of all Council core documents and leaflets	To ensure that all documents are produced in plain English and follow the same corporate style	Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3	Councillor Tim Hadland	From: March 2010 To: TBA Review recommended by the Customer Services Task and Finish Group
Evaluation of Overview and Scrutiny	To evaluate the performance of Overview and Scrutiny at Northampton using the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)'s self evaluation framework	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	Councillor Andrew Simpson	From: July 2008 To: January 2009 COMPLETED Presented to Full Council 2 March 2009

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<p>More Facilities for Older Children</p>	<p>To investigate facilities for older children</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</p>	<p>Councillor Andrew Simpson</p>	<p>From: February 2009 To: December 2009</p>
<p>Structure of Overview and Scrutiny</p>	<p>In recommend to full Council a fit for purpose Overview and Scrutiny structure in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Improvement Plan and its dedicated resources</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</p>	<p>Councillor Andrew Simpson</p>	<p>From: May 2009 To: October 2009 Ongoing – Updates to be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</p>

NOTES:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 Partnerships, Regeneration, Community Safety and Engagement**
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 Housing and Environment**
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 Improvement, Performance and Finance**



Completed Reviews