

Northampton Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee



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Please find enclosed the agenda and supporting papers for the **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **Monday, 11 November 2013**

Time: **6:00 pm**

Place: **The Jeffrey Room, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.**

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Members of the Committee

Chair	Councillor Jamie Lane
Deputy-Chair	Councillor Brian W Sargeant
Committee Members	Councillor Tony Ansell Councillor Joy Capstick Councillor John Caswell Councillor Michael Ford Councillor Brendan Glynane Councillor Elizabeth Gowen Councillor Phil Larratt Councillor Matthew Lynch Councillor Lee Mason Councillor Nilesh Ramesh Parekh Councillor Suresh Patel Councillor Sivaramen Subbarayan Councillor Winston Strachan

Calendar of meetings

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27 January 2014 6:00 pm 7 April 9 June	All meetings to be held in the Jeffrey Room at the Guildhall unless otherwise stated

Northampton Borough Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Item No and Time	Title	Pages	Action required
1 6:00 PM	Apologies		Members to note any apologies and substitution
2	Minutes	1 - 5	Members to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2013.
3	Deputations/Public Addresses		<p>The Chair to note public address requests.</p> <p>The public can speak on any agenda item for a maximum of three minutes per speaker per item. You are not required to register your intention to speak in advance but should arrive at the meeting a few minutes early, complete a Public Address Protocol and notify the Scrutiny Officer of your intention to speak.</p>
4	Declarations of Interest (Including Whipping)		Members to state any interests.
5 6:05 PM	Cabinet's Priorities 2013/2014		Cabinet Members to provide an update on their priorities for 2013/2014.
6 6:30 PM	Community Safety Partnership Performance	6 - 9	The Chair of the Community Safety Partnership to provide a progress report on the levels of performance.
7 6:50 PM	West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC)	10 - 12	The Committee to receive a briefing on the transition from WNDC to Northampton Borough Council (NBC).
8 7:05 PM	Scrutiny Panels		<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to receive a progress report from the Scrutiny Panels.</p> <p>In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol this item is for the Committee's information with no discussion.</p>

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8 (a)	Scrutiny Panel 1 - Improving the town's parks	13	
8 (b)	Scrutiny Panel 2- management and regulation of private sector housing (including HIMOs)	14	
9 7:10 PM	Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring Working Group	15 - 18	The Committee to approve the terms of reference of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group.
10 7:15 PM	Report back from NBC's representative to NCC's Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee		Councillor Matt Lynch to provide an update on the work of NCC's Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. (Copy to follow).
11 7:20 PM	Potential future pre decision scrutiny	19 - 20	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider any potential issues for future pre decision scrutiny.
12 7:30 PM	Urgent Items		This issue is for business that by reasons of the special circumstances to be specified, the Chair is of the opinion is of sufficient urgency to consider. Members or Officers that wish to raise urgent items are to inform the Chair in advance.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 9 September 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair); Councillor Brian Sargeant (Deputy Chair); Councillors Tony Ansell, Mick Ford, Brendan Glynane, Elizabeth Gowen, Phil Larratt, Matt Lynch, Lee Mason, Nilesh Parekh, Suresh Patel, Sivaramen Subbarayan and Winston Strachan

Councillor Brandon Eldred, Cabinet Member - Community Engagement
Councillor Mike Hallam, Cabinet Member - Environment
Councillor Tim Hadland, Cabinet Member – Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Councillor Mary Markham, Cabinet Member – Housing
Julie Seddon - Director of Customers and Communities
Tracy Tiff – Scrutiny Officer
Nicola Brindley – Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor David Mackintosh.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July were signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)

There were none.

5. MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT

5.A HATE CRIME REPORTING MECHANISMS

Julie Seddon, Director of Customers and Communities, addressed the Committee and confirmed that there had been good progress of the implementation of the recommendations by Cabinet. The hate crime documentation had been produced and adapted by Councillors and Police and there had been increased awareness of the need to report it.

There would be training for Councillors in March 2014 and training for staff which would be included in the induction process for new staff. There would be a single point of contact which would be reviewed and updated if there was any staff structure change. Housing staff wardens would receive more intensive training

There had been an increase of the number of hate crimes reported by staff but regarded this as a positive increase as there had been an improvement in the awareness and understanding. This was directly related to the work carried out by Overview and Scrutiny.

Councillor Jamie Lane agreed that all of the Councillors should attend and would forward

the date of the training once it had been arranged.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

6. RESPONSE OF CABINET TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT: RETAIL EXPERIENCE

Councillor Tim Hadland addressed the Committee and confirmed that the Cabinet report in July for the Town Centre programme had been comprehensive and invaluable. The Overview and Scrutiny report had produced 28 recommendations which were being incorporated which had included:-

- The upgrade of parking machines to pay by debit or credit cards
- August free parking which had been a success
- NBC Licensing department to show their presence in the town centre
- Designated spots on Abington Street for buskers

There had been a suggestion that there was a map available to street drinkers which located the areas of different degrees of tolerance of where the street drinkers could go. Julie Seddon confirmed that this would be investigated further.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

7. MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT

7.A CUSTOMER SERVICES

Councillor Brandon Eldred confirmed that there had been an increase in the number of phone calls to the Contact Centre due to the Welfare Reform Act and had put extra staff and measures in place to cope with the demand.

He advised that the Contact Centre had been doing an excellent job and urged Councillors to contact them via email instead of calling to free up staff for the residents who were their priority. The email address is contactnbc@northampton.co.uk.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

8. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY

Councillor Tim Hadland presented the report to the Committee on the following performance measure:-

Town Centre Footfall

The new bus interchange would lead to changes in the town centre and a camera had already been installed in the Drapery to monitor before and after. It monitors the Town Centre over a 24 hour period.

Councillor Mike Hallam presented the briefing note to the Committee on the following performance measures:-

Missed Bins

In June there had been changes to the routes and rounds of the collections. They had been running at 85% efficiency in July and awaited August and Septembers figures to see if this

had improved.

Compost

Ways to increase recycling rates were being reviewed and was a challenging process. They were going to liaise with schools to educate children to encourage their parents to recycle. There was an on-going problem with HIMO and student properties that had sacks and therefore, unable to identify the owner if it was not collected and encouraged fly tipping.

Julie Seddon, Chair, CSP, presented the briefing note to the Committee on the following performance measure:-

Overall crime figures

There had been a significant decrease in crime as key offenders had been taken out of circulation.

Councillor Brandon Eldred presented the briefing note to the Committee on the following performance measure:-

Contact Centre calls

The Contact Centre received 31,000 calls per month and 200,000 emails and provided a great service to the public. This had been a 12% increase on last year.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

9. PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TENANTS' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Councillor Mary Markham presented the report to the Committee and confirmed that there had been a good response to it. Twelve meetings had taken place since July and initial training would be given to Chairs and Vice Chairs on 16th September and would be open to all tenants in November.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

10. WELFARE REFORM AND THE IMPACT ON RENT INCOME COLLECTION

Councillor Mary Markham reported that there had been an increase in the rent arrears due to the Welfare Reform and had spent the last 12 months liaising with tenants to downsize. 450 people had still not registered to move. They had employed two more officers in rent collections and two more officers to help people with the exchange. The rising figures were a concern.

In a response to questions from Members, Councillor Mary Markham confirmed that people needed to actively look for suitable homes and sometimes in the private rental sector as there was not enough local government housing stock. They had identified their own tenants who would have their benefits capped and had not relied on the DWP.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

11. SCRUTINY PANELS

11.A SCRUTINY PANEL 1 - IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

Councillor Elizabeth Gowen confirmed that they had received positive feedback from the site

visits and still had two more meetings to come.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

11.B SCRUTINY PANEL 2 - MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (INCLUDING HIMOS)

The report was presented to the Committee.

Resolved: That the update is noted.

Councillor Jamie Lane thanked Councillors for chairing Scrutiny Panels.

12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY EXCELLENCE PLAN 2013-2015

Councillor Jamie Lane confirmed that this report was what the Committee hoped to achieve over the next few months and years. Our website had been successful and he felt that we were one of the Leaders in Overview and Scrutiny.

Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Excellence Plan 2013-2015 is approved.

13. REPORT BACK FROM NBC'S REPRESENTATIVE TO NCC'S HEALTH, ADULT CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Matt Lynch provided an update on the Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and confirmed he was looking forward to the next meeting and how it was going to progress.

Councillor Brendan Glynane confirmed that the Podiatry service was now only going to have one consultant and was going to be monitored closely by Northamptonshire County Council. Concerns had been raised for Northampton and Kettering General Hospitals over the winter months with inflation and no new investments and would be discussed at future Scrutiny meetings.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

14. POTENTIAL FUTURE PRE DECISION SCRUTINY

Cabinet attending Overview and Scrutiny

Councillor Jamie Lane confirmed that Cabinet attended the Overview and Scrutiny meeting every six months and they would be attending the next meeting.

It was decided that this Item should remain on the agenda should any new issues arise that needed to be investigated.

Housing Strategy

Councillor Lee Mason confirmed that there were over 200 people on the waiting list to downsize their properties and they were looking at building affordable homes.

It was suggested that existing housing stock be reviewed to be extended or have loft conversions and increase capacity within existing stock.

15. URGENT ITEMS

Paperless Committees

After general discussion it was decided that only the front sheet agendas would be made available at the meetings and all of the reports electronic as there had been considerable savings made by not printing off the agenda packs.

The meeting concluded 19:50 hrs.

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11 November 2013

Briefing Note – Crime & Disorder, Overview & Scrutiny

Summary

On the 3 February 2011 it was agreed that as part of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee role, that in meeting their responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, a bi annual report from the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) would be provided. The report would focus on the levels of CSP performance and whether crime has increased in the light of reduced resources, and if so what measures have been taken to meet any shortfall in performance. The report was to advise the Committee of work undertaken, thereby informing Overview and Scrutiny of further review or scrutiny that may be required.

Community Safety Partnership – Performance Overview

Following a number of years of impressive performance by the partnership and some significant reductions in crime, the partnership continue to work well, achieving some, but not all of the 2011/12 targets. With financial pressures and dwindling resources for partner organisations and the general public, reducing crime and improving public safety is an increasingly challenging task.

Performance overall was mixed in 2011/12, achieving good reductions in some crime types but reduced performance in others, particularly Serious Acquisitive Crime.

Actual Performance – April 2012 to March 2013

The first part of 2012/13 saw mixed results for the Partnership, where we there were continuing reductions in anti-social behaviour, violent crime and robbery.

In respect of Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) the partnership under-performed due to a significant increase in burglary dwelling. Vehicle crime also continued to be a concern due to considerable increases in theft from vehicles. However, it is important to note that vehicle crime levels still remained significantly lower than

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2009/10. The Community Safety Partnership identified the priority locations for focussed partnership work for 2012/13, and this work is now taking place.

The partnership continued to see good reductions in recorded anti-social behaviour issues, but perception did increase. One of the reasons for the increase in people's perception can be attributed to the changes that have been adopted in undertaking the survey.

Domestic abuse continued to be a key focus and an increase in first time victims reporting was achieved.

Crime Type	2011/12 Baseline	2012/13 Target Reduction	Performance Achieved
Serious Acquisitive Crime	3489 recorded crimes	5%	+591 crimes 16.9% increase
Vehicle Crime	1982 recorded crimes	5%	+273 crimes 13.8% increase
ASB Incidents	? recorded incidents	10%	-1668 incidents 11.2% decrease
Anti-social behaviour Perception	8.6% residents perceive ASB as problem	Reduce	10.6% residents perceive ASB as problem
Domestic Abuse – Increase in 1 st time victims	N/A – year to date comparison	Increase	0.4% decrease
Domestic Abuse – reduction in repeat victims	N/A – year to date comparison	Reduction	0.4% increase
Violent Crime	4293 recorded crimes	3.5%	-373 incidents 9.6% reduction

Actual Performance – April 2013 to September 2013

First half of the year has seen an overall 7.7% reduction in overall crime. Violent crime is reducing (-10.9%) and is exceeding the annual CSP targets. Repeat victims of domestic violence is down compared to last year, however first time reporting of domestic abuse is also down slightly so this indicator is off target.

Serious Acquisitive Crime is on a downward trend (-8.9%) and is on track to meet the target. Dwelling burglary has reduced slightly (1.4%), with vehicle crime seeing significant reductions compared to recent years.

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Crime Type	2012/13 Baseline	2013/14 Target Reduction	Half year Performance
Serious Acquisitive Crime	4080 recorded crimes	10%	-363 crimes 8.9% decrease
Vehicle Crime	1982 recorded crimes	N/A	-312 crimes 13.8% reduction
Violent Crime	3529 recorded crimes	5%	10.9% crimes
ASB Incidents	13258 recorded incidents	5%	+280 incidents 2.1% increase
Anti-social behaviour perception	10.6% residents perceive ASB as problem	Reduce	Now 10% residents perceive ASB as problem
Domestic Abuse – Increase in 1 st time victims	N/A – year to date comparison	Increase	0.6% decrease
Domestic Violence – reduction in repeat victims	N/A – year to date comparison	Reduction	18.2% decrease

Specific pieces of work taking place are:

- Priority location work in relation to serious acquisitive crime and target hardening for victims of burglary. Main areas for focus are Blackthorn/Goldings, The Mounts/Abington Square, Spring Broughs/Semilong, Far Cotton and Spencer/St James.
- Partnership ‘Weeks of Action’ focusing on crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues will be held in all 5 locations by March 2013.
- Specific focused work on alcohol related violent crime (Police led).
- Target hardening for victims of Domestic Abuse being provided
- Killing with Kindness campaign continues, raising awareness around street begging issues, and encouraging people to donate to local charities who provide support for this group.
- Awareness raising around domestic abuse continues.
- Work on anti-social behaviour cases continue with 5 orders being secured this year.
- Junior Warden schemes continue to be established in primary schools.
- Fourth year of Best Bar None, 24 licensed premises are taking part this year.

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- Fortnightly, multi-agency Domestic Abuse Case Management Meetings focusing on level 1 & 2 cases are now up and running and working well.

Conclusion

The Community Safety Partnership is seeing improved results against the targets compared to 2012/13 performance. Excellent reductions in overall crime continue with continued reductions in violent crime. Good improvements have been seen in Serious Acquisitive Crime (specifically vehicle crime) and partnership work continues to further improve this.

Community Safety Partnerships are placed in Most Similar Groups as defined by the Home Office as having similar characteristics. Northampton CSP is improving its comparative performance in this group, seeing an improvement in all but three of the eighteen crime types.

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Agenda Item 7 Northampton Borough Council

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 11TH NOVEMBER 2013

Briefing Note: West Northamptonshire Development Corporation Transition

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the work which is underway to prepare for the closure of West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) in March 2014.

2. Background

The WNDC Business Plan April 2013 – March 2014 outlines the key activities which WNDC will focus on until the closure. They include an ambitious set of milestones designed to get projects to the point where they can most readily be transferred.

In the current final year, WNDC, through funding from DCLG, will invest £14.5 million in the projects which are outlined below, although the main spend will be on St. Peter's Waterside, Northampton Castle Station and Avon/Nunn Mills.

The key projects in the WNDC Business Plan comprise:-

- i) Northampton Castle Station
- ii) St. Peter's Waterside
- iii) Avon/Nunn Mills
- iv) Grosvenor Centre

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- v) St. John's
- vi) Project Angel.

Of these projects, St. Peter's Waterside and Northampton Castle Station are the main schemes which WNDC will be focusing on.

Avon/Nunn Mills will be the site of the new University Campus, with the University taking the lead, the County Council are leading on Project Angel and the Borough Council is driving forward the implementation of St. John's. The Borough Council is also leading on the Grosvenor Centre, with support from WNDC.

It is important to ensure that there is a smooth transition through the formal closure of WNDC and to ensure that project momentum is maintained.

3. Update

The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has established a Localisation Programme Board which includes representatives from DCLG, WNDC, Northamptonshire County Council and the Borough Council.

This Board is overseeing the transition process and has two work streams:-

- a) The mechanics of closure i.e. formal closure of WNDC to include issues like staffing, finance and assets;
- b) Succession arrangements i.e. how the projects would be taken forward, transfer of assets etc.

The key issues for local partners are to ensure that there is no loss of momentum in the delivery of regeneration of the Borough. All the projects which are outlined in the WNDC Business Plan are important components in the regeneration of the Borough.

Other issues which need to be addressed will include sufficient financial and human capacity for delivery and also that the physical assets which WNDC have ownership of can be transferred to local partners.

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It has recently been agreed that the majority of the assets from WNDC will transfer to the Borough Council and some going to the County Council.

Discussions continue on ensuring that sufficient financial and human capacity will be available to maintain the delivery momentum.

A paper is being prepared for the Cabinet meeting of 13th November which will provide more detail on the issues outlined above.

4. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the current position.

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BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of this Committee, Scrutiny Panel 1 has held two further evidence gathering meetings. Evidence gathering is now complete.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At its meeting on 4 September 2013, information from key expert advisors was received:

- Partnership Manager, Partnership Unit
- Operations Manager, Enterprise Management Services (EMS)
- Northampton Friends' Group Forum

- 2.2 A meeting of the Panel was held on 2 October and the following information was received:

- Feedback from the site visits that took place over the summer
- Results of the desktop research exercise
- Evidence from a number of community groups and individuals

- 2.3 The final meeting is scheduled for 25 November, at which the Panel will consider the Chair's draft report.

- 2.4 It is envisaged that the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will present the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2014.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the update is noted.

Author: Tracy Tiff, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of Councillor Elizabeth Gowen, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 1 – Improving the town's parks

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BRIEFING NOTE:

SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING (INCLUDING HIMOS)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the first evidence gathering meeting of Scrutiny Panel 2 has taken place.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 17 October 2013, the Scrutiny Panel received background data:

- Private Sector Housing Strategy

- 2.2 The Scrutiny Panel approved the Equality Impact Assessment for this Review.

- 2.3 A further evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2013, at which the Panel will receive further background data:

- A presentation setting the context of the private sector housing market:
 - Changes over the last ten years
 - Future Trends
- Existing legislation in relation to private sector housing and the options available to local Councils for additional legislation.
- The Empty Homes Programme.

- 2.4 The Scrutiny Panel will also devise its core questions that it will put to a number of key expert advisers.

- 2.5 It is envisaged that the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will present the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 9 June 2014.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the update is noted.

Author: Tracy Tiff, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of Councillor Joy Capstick, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 2 – Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing (Including HIMOs)

18 October 2013



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11 November 2013

BRIEFING NOTE: REPORTING AND MONITORING WORKING GROUP

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee set up the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group to:

- Review the revenue budget proposals and the Council's medium term financial plans.
- Recommend a short list to Overview and Scrutiny for detailed consideration.
- Consider suggestions from the public and other Councillors for items to be included in the short list for scrutiny.

1.2 Membership of the Working Group comprises Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair); Councillors Brendan Glynane, Nilesh Parekh, Suresh Patel and Sivaramen Subbarayan.

1.3 At the first meeting of the Working Group on 3 October 2013, Councillors agreed the Terms of Reference; a copy is attached at Appendix A for the Committee's approval.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 A similar Group met in previous years with comparable Terms of Reference. Overview and Scrutiny found it helpful for a small Working Group of Councillors to take a brief overview of all the budget proposals and bring a small selection to the Committee for detailed scrutiny.

2.2 Based on the selection of items short listed by the Working Group, relevant Directors and Heads of Services will then be asked to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 January 2014 to answer the questions that the Working Group has put forward on the selected proposals.

- 2.3 The budget item historically led to lengthy debate on all items whether large or small, controversial or not, and this approach, used in recent years, has helped Overview and Scrutiny to focus on key areas.
- 2.4 As appropriate, the Chair of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group will provide written updates of the progress of the Group to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the Terms of Reference of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group, as attached at Appendix A.

Author: Tracy Tiff, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of Councillor Jamie Lane, Chair, Reporting and Monitoring Working Group

4 October 2013

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REPORTING AND MONITORING WORKING GROUP

Terms of Reference for 2013/14

1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

The purpose of the Working Group is:

- To review the revenue budget proposals and the Council's medium term financial plans.
- To recommend a short list to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for detailed consideration.
- To consider suggestions from the public and other Councillors for items to be included in the short list for scrutiny.

2. Outcomes Required

- The production of a short list of revenue budget items for closer consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- To reflect the medium term approach being taken to financial planning.

3. Timetable

3 October 2013	Agree Terms of Reference
6 January 2014	Budget Review
27 January 2014	Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4. Responsible Officers

Lead Officer - Glenn Hammons, Head of Finance and Chief Finance Officer
Bill Lewis, Assistant Head of Finance
Phil Morrison, Assistant Head of Finance

Co-Ordinator - Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

5. Resources and Budget

Glenn Hammons, Head of Finance and Chief Finance Office, to provide internal advice

Bill Lewis, Assistant Head of Finance, and Phil Morrison, Assistant Head of Finance, to provide internal advice

6. Final report presented by:

Presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 January 2014

7. Monitoring procedure

Continuous, ongoing monitoring process by means of updates to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Briefing Note: Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) Health, Adult Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

1 Background

- 1.1 Councillor Matt Lynch is Northampton Borough Council's representative to Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 A meeting of NCC's Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on 6 November 2013.
- 1.3 As reported to previous meetings, the Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has overview and scrutiny function responsibilities for the scrutiny of health, adult social care and Public Health.

2 Update

- 2.1 Details of the main issues discussed at the meeting held on 6 November 2013 are detailed below:
- 2.2 The Committee considered the Healthier Northamptonshire Programme. Dr Seiger outlined how the leaders of organisations responsible for planning and delivering health and care services in Northamptonshire, are working together to meet these challenges head on and take forward a county wide programme of transforming change.

Dr Darin Seiger also presented Nene's Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning intentions for 2014/2015 to the Committee.

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Mr McKendrick gave the Committee an overview of mental health services in Northamptonshire and how they are provided.

The Committee considered its Work Programme for 2013/2014; agenda items scheduled for the next meeting on 5 March 2014 comprise:

- Re-commissioning Children's and Young People's Services
- Operation of Healthwatch Northamptonshire
- Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing – Holding to account

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 The update is noted.
- 3.2 That regular updates of the work of Northamptonshire County Council's Health and Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be provided by Councillor Matt Lynch to this Committee.
- 3.3 The next meeting of Northamptonshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 5 March 2014 commencing at 10:00am.

Brief Author: Tracy Tiff, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of Councillor Matt Lynch

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(Section 5 & 9 of The Local Authorities – (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012)

Decision Maker: Cabinet

Directorate:	Customers and Communities
Report of:	Director of Customers and Communities
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	13 November 2013
Title of Expected Decision	Town Centre Summit
Record of the expected decision to be made:	Accept report of the Town Centre Summit Chairman and provide NBC's response.

Directorate:	Customers and Communities
Report of:	Director of Customers and Communities
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	13 November 2013
Title of Expected Decision	Primary Authority Partnership Scheme
Record of the expected decision to be made:	To allow the authority to enter into Primary Authority Agreements with businesses and to allow appropriate charging arrangements to be decided upon.

Where indicated a decision or part of a decision may be made in Private – details regarding this can be found by [clicking here](#). Anyone wishing to make representations that this matter should be discussed in public, should do so by not later than 12 Calendar Days prior to the meeting, using the details below:
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Directorate:	Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Report of:	Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	13 November 2013
Title of Expected Decision	Disposal Programme 2013/14 - sale of buildings and land
Record of the expected decision to be made:	Approval, in principle, to the freehold disposal of property

Directorate:	Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Report of:	Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	13 November 2013
Title of Expected Decision	West Northamptonshire Development Corporation Transition & Closure Programme
Record of the expected decision to be made:	Approval, in principle, to the acquisition of property assets and associated responsibilities by Northampton Borough Council from West Northamptonshire Development Corporation.

Directorate:	Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Report of:	Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	13 November 2013
Title of Expected Decision	Demolition of Greyfriars Complex
Record of the expected decision to be made:	Approval to provide necessary funding to enable implementation of various arrangements in 2013/14 to achieve demolition of the Greyfriars Complex

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