

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Your attendance is requested at a meeting to be held in the Jeffrey Room,
The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE on
Monday, 6 July 2015 commencing at 6:00pm

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Chief Executive

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Members of the Committee

Chair	Councillor Jamie Lane
Deputy-Chair	Councillor Brian W Sargeant
Committee Members	Councillor Rufia Ashraf Councillor Muna Cali Councillor John Caswell Councillor Gareth Eales Councillor Terrie Eales Councillor James Hill Councillor Phil Larratt Councillor Dennis Meredith Councillor Brian Oldham Councillor Suresh Patel Councillor Samuel Shaw Councillor Zoe Smith Councillor Graham Walker

Calendar of meetings

Date	Room
29 July 2015 6:00 pm	All meetings to be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall unless otherwise stated
28 September	
25 November	
11 January 2016	
11 April	
13 June	

Northampton Borough Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Item No and Time	Title	Pages	Action required
1 6:00pm	Apologies		Members to note any apologies and substitutions
2	Minutes	1 - 4	Members to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015.
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 6:10pm	Work Programme 2015/2016	5-6	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to approve the Work Programme 2015/2016 and set up the three Scrutiny Panels.
6 6:40pm	Reporting and Monitoring Working Group	7-8	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to confirm the membership of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group 2015/2016.
7 6:45pm	NBC's representative to NCC's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee		The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to nominate a representative to NCC's Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.
8 6:50pm	Potential future pre decision scrutiny	9-10	The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider any potential issues for future pre decision scrutiny
9 7:00pm	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, 23 March 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair); Councillor Brian Sargeant (Deputy Chair); Councillors Tony Ansell, Elizabeth Gowen, Anna King, Phil Larratt, Nilesh Ramesh Parekh, Suresh Patel and Les Marriott (substituting for Councillor Rufia Ashraf)

Councillor Lee Mason

Officers Tracy Tiff Scrutiny Officer
Nicola Brindley Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rufia Ashraf (Councillor Les Marriott substituted) and Councillor Matt Lynch.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Councillor Lee Mason addressed the Committee on agenda item 6 – b Scrutiny Panel 2 – Poverty in the Town.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)

There were none.

5. CABINET'S RESPONSE TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT: MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING, INCLUDING HIMOS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received Cabinet's response to the Overview and Scrutiny report: Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing, including HIMOs. It was noted that Cabinet had accepted all of the recommendations contained within the report.

This report would now be added to the Overview and Scrutiny Monitoring Work Programme 2015/2016 and the Cabinet Member would be asked to attend a meeting of this Committee in the autumn to provide an update of the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

AGREED: (1) That Cabinet's response to the O&S report: Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing, including HIMOs is noted.
(2) That the O&S report: Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing, including HIMOs is added to the O&S Monitoring Work Programme 2015/2016.

6. SCRUTINY PANELS

6.A SCRUTINY PANEL 1

Councillor Jamie Lane, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 1 – Interpersonal Violence, presented the final report to the Committee. It had been a comprehensive review with a wealth of evidence received. The Right Honourable Theresa May, MP, had made suggestions for inclusion within the report when she visited Northampton with Michael Ellis, MP, and had requested to see the final report.

AGREED: That the final report of Scrutiny Panel 1 – Interpersonal Violence is approved and presented to Cabinet in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

6.B SCRUTINY PANEL 2

Councillor Lee Mason addressed the Committee regarding the report and advised that there was considerable concern about the amount of poverty within the wards. There had been knock on effects from the bedroom tax and an increase for the food banks. The recommendation was that they had needed to use the third sector for guidance and support as it was an ongoing concern. She considered that it was not going to improve with the Universal Credit and would welcome another review in the future.

Councillor Elizabeth Gowen, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 2, advised that this had been an in-depth review with a number of key expert advisors presenting evidence. Housing benefit claims had increased especially for working families and the Council already provided help and advice for new tenants not to get into debt in the first place. The recommendation in the report would help improve the situation.

Thanks were given to the Scrutiny Officer, Councillor Lee Mason and the other members of the Scrutiny Panel for their input.

AGREED: That the final report of Scrutiny Panel 2 – Poverty in the Town is approved and presented to Cabinet in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

6.C SCRUTINY PANEL 3

Councillor Tony Ansell, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 3 – Keep Northampton Tidy, presented the final report to the Committee. It had been a comprehensive review with a wealth of evidence received.

He confirmed that they had compared Northampton, Peterborough and Market Harborough and found that Northampton had been ahead of Peterborough. He considered that Enterprise had been doing a better job although there were still issues with fly tipping and only one person had been prosecuted in the last two years. Fly posting was still a problem in town and many were months out of date. Dog fouling was also a problem and only a handful of fixed penalty notices had been issued.

He expressed his disappointment at the number of Councillors and witness experts who attended meetings but thanked those who did.

Thanks were also given to the Scrutiny Officer and the Scrutiny Panel.

AGREED: That the final report of Scrutiny Panel 3 – Keep Northampton Tidy is approved and presented to Cabinet in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

6.D OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PARKING WORKING GROUP

Councillor Brian Sargeant, Chair, O&S Parking Working Group, presented the final report to the Committee. Councillor Sargeant advised that following a motion to full Council this Working Group had been set up. It had been a short sharp Scrutiny activity that had received a lot of evidence through site visits, desktop research and responses to the core questions.

He confirmed that the County Council had reviewed the situation 12 months ago and they had seen a great improvement since then. He noted that the Claret car park had not been used on Match day and had made a recommendation to Cabinet that it be opened. They had received good suggestions from Cobblers and Saints. A recommendation of the final report was that the situation be reviewed again once the new stands had gone up.

AGREED: That the final report of the O&S Parking Working Group is approved and presented to Cabinet in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

6.E OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TREE MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP

Councillor Phil Larratt, Chair, O&S Tree Maintenance Working Group, presented the final report to the Committee. Councillor Larratt informed the Committee that this Working Group had been set up following a motion to full Council. The Scrutiny activity had received a lot of evidence which had informed the conclusions and recommendations of the final report.

They had set out to review problems and complaints with the trees in the different wards and had found that light was the main issue. A copy of the County Council's Standards for tree work was attached to the report. They had liaised with Northamptonshire Partnership Homes and were keen to work with the Council and planning department. The recommendations were that light should be taken into account due to green energy and solar panels this made an impact on people's lives. It should be developed further for the whole County.

Councillor Marriott commented that the report was covered well over a short period and hoped to see in the future the right sort of tree in the right place.

Councillor Phil Larratt gave thanks to everyone's support.

AGREED: That the final report of the O&S Tree Maintenance Working Group is approved and presented to Cabinet in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

The Chair presented the draft wording of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/2015 to the Committee for approval. Following approval of the Committee the Annual Report would be finalised and presented to Council in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

AGREED: That the wording for the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/2015 is approved and the Report is presented to full Council in the Municipal year 2015/2016.

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

Councillor Suresh Patel provided an update from Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)'s Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee; highlighting the salient points of the meeting.

He confirmed that the County Council had adopted the assessment and would transfer to them on 1st July. The money had been ring-fenced and they were assessing 66 clients. He confirmed that it was vital that someone from the Council attended meetings of this Committee.

AGREED: That the update is noted.

9. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6:35 pm

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 July 2015

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/2016

1 Background

- 1.1 An annual Overview and Scrutiny work programming event is held. It is an opportunity for non-Executive Councillors to consider ideas for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for the year.
- 1.2 The event for 2015/2016 was held on Wednesday, 17 June 2015.

2 Work Programme Event 2015

- 2.1 The Chief Executive opened the event. Directors, together with other Officers, provided assistance to Councillors when they considered suggested issues for review.
- 2.2 Cabinet Members informed the event of their priorities and objectives for the year
- 2.3 Councillors considered:
 - The suggestions put forward by the public and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for future Scrutiny review
 - Cabinet's priorities
 - Councillor's own ideas

3 Suggested Reviews for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/2016

- 3.1 In three Groups, Councillors, supported by a Director or Head of Service, put forward suggested issues for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2015/2016.
- 3.2 The event discussed the suggestions proposed by all three groups and agreed that the following proposed issues be prioritised by the

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its inaugural meeting for inclusion in the O&S Work Programme 2015/2016:

- **Environmental Crime** - The purpose of the Review could be to investigate behaviours (environmental crime) on the streets
- **Health Check of the Local Economy** - The purpose of the Review could be to look at how Northampton Borough Council can influence the local economy
- **Licensing Policy** – The purpose of the Review could be to investigate the pattern of provision, including gambling, taxis and private hire

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2015/2016 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.
- 4.2 That membership of the three Scrutiny Panels is set and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.3 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee invites other non-Executives, who are not a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to join the membership of the Scrutiny Panels.
- 4.4 That the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee communicates details of the Work Programme 2015/2016 with all Councillors, and Directors.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2015/2016 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

Brief Author : Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of Councillor Jamie Lane, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

19 June 2015



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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6 JULY 2015

BRIEFING NOTE: REPORTING AND MONITORING WORKING GROUP 2015/2016

1 Budget Scrutiny – Reporting and Monitoring Working Group

- 1.1 In recent years the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has set up a Reporting and Monitoring Working Group annually that provides initial scrutiny input in the budget process. The Group reviews the budget and refers specific budget items to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider in detail. This takes place in January each year.
- 1.2 The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee is keen for this type of budget scrutiny to continue as he recognises this type of budget scrutiny as an example of best practice. It is suggested that this scrutiny activity continues to operate as a Working Group, operating directly with the Finance service, feeding back its schedule of budget items for Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider at its January 2016 meeting.
- 1.3 Membership of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group comprises a number of members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, although other non-Executive members may also be invited to join. The Chair of the Working Group should be a member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 The schedule of meetings of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group are:

12 October 2015, 5:15pm

4 January 2016, 5:15pm

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the membership of the Reporting and Monitoring Working Group.

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26 May 2015



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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:	Chief Executive
Report of:	Chief Executive
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	15 July 2015
Title of Expected Decision	Money Transmission (Banking) Contract Renewal
Record of the expected decision to be made:	<p>🔑 Authorise delegation to the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to undertake the re-tendering and award of the Council's Banking Contract for a period of up to 5 years.</p> <p>To use an 'open' tender process, i.e. not using a framework</p>

Directorate:	Chief Executive
Report of:	Chief Executive
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	15 July 2015
Title of Expected Decision	Revenues and Benefits, Shared Services, Joint Committee
Record of the expected decision	🔑 That a joint Committee is established pursuant to an

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to be made:	agreement between Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire County Councils, Northampton Borough Council and Norwich City Council for the shared delivery of Revenues and Benefits Services.
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Directorate:	Chief Executive
Report of:	Chief Executive
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	15 July 2015
Title of Expected Decision	Financial Monitoring Outturn 2014/2015
Record of the expected decision to be made:	☞ That Cabinet approve any carry forwards of revenue and capital from 2014/15 into 2015/16. That Cabinet approve any movements in reserves for General Fund and the HRA.

Directorate:	Chief Executive
Report of:	Chief Executive
Public or Private	PUBLIC
Expected Date of Decision:	15 July 2015
Title of Expected Decision	Partnership with Northampton's Major Sports Clubs
Record of the expected decision to be made:	☞ To agree the Council's programme for working with the Borough's major sports clubs in 2015/16

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