

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25 April 2013

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14

Suggested Scrutiny Reviews for 2013/14

The Workshop, in two separate groups, proposed the following future Scrutiny Reviews.

(Three Scrutiny Panels (Reviews) operate at any one time)

Group 1

Lead Councillor: Councillor Elizabeth Gowen

Councillors Mick Ford, Jamie Lane, Lee Mason, Jonathan Nunn and Suresh Patel

Suggested issues:

Title: Management and Regulation of Private Sector Housing (including HIMOs)

Suggested purpose: To investigate the regulation and management of private letting

Title: West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC)

Suggested purpose: To ensure the smooth transition from WNDC to Northampton Borough Council

Title: Improving the town's parks

Suggested purpose: To evaluate community engagement for the improvement of parks and green spaces.

Title: Responding to the Welfare Reform Act

Suggested purpose: To evaluate the effect of the Welfare Reform Act on the public and Council employees.

Group 2

Lead Councillor: Councillor Danielle Stone

Councillors Tony Ansell, Beverley Mennell, Nilesh Parekh, Brian Sargeant

Suggested Issues

Title: Welfare Reform Act

Suggested purpose: To evaluate the impact of the Welfare Reform Act on residents. To evaluate the number of homeless people, people living in bed and breakfast accommodation and housing evictions. To monitor the effect of the Welfare Reform Act on the Council's One Stop Shop.

Title: Management of the Private Rental Sector, including HMOs

Suggested purpose: To develop consultation regarding the possible licensing scheme for private landlords.

Title: Transition of West Northants Development Corporation (WNDC)

Suggested purpose: To evaluate how project momentum can be ensured, post 2014.

Title: Improvement to Parks

Suggested purpose: To evaluate the plans for improving the town's parks and open spaces.

Title: Health and Wellbeing

Suggested purpose: To evaluate the Council's new responsibilities and those of the partnerships that deliver this agenda.