

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 June 2020

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/2021

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 2020/2021 was held on 11 March 2020.

2 Work Programme Event 2020

- 2.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee opened the event and explained how the event would work. 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
- 2.4 Around thirty suggestions for future Scrutiny review were put forward by members of the public this year.

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3 Suggested Reviews for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 202/2021

3.1 In three Groups, Councillors, supported by a Director, put forward suggested issues for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2020/2021.

3.2 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the suggestions proposed by the three Groups and has proposed the following for the Work Programme for 202/2021:

- Review of NPH and affordable housing
- Tree Policy for the town

Reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It is suggested to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that reports will be requested to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the following topics:

- Section 106 Agreements
- Fly-tipping, littering

4 Recommendations

4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2020/2021 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event as detailed in section 3 of this briefing note.

4.2 That membership of the Scrutiny Panels/ Working Groups is agreed and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the Scrutiny Panels/Working Groups.

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 2020/2021 with all Councillors, and D.

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- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2020/2021 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

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