

# Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



## NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY– WORK PROGRAMME 2008/2009

#### In Depth Policy Reviews

Topic Area	Rationale for Review	Parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Lead Councillor	Suggested Timescale
<b>Partnership working with WNDC</b>	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.	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1</b>	Councillor Andrew Simpson	<b>From:</b> August 2008 <b>To:</b> November 2008
<b>Concessionary Bus Passes</b>	To investigate the impact of the variation to concessionary bus passes <b>Appreciative Inquiry Approach</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1</b>	Councillor Paul Varnsberry	<b>From:</b> October 2008 <b>To:</b> February 2009

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Costs of Consultants to the Council</b></p>	<p>To assess the costs of consultants.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Tony Clarke</p>	<p><b>From: TBA</b> <b>To: TBA</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Work surrounding Northampton Safer Stronger Communities Partnership</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appreciative Inquiry Approach</b></p>	<p>To investigate performance and what the Council is contributing</p> <p>To investigate data used in respect of BV126 – domestic burglaries per 1,000 households per Local Authority area</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor David Palethorpe/Councillor Paul Varnsvery</p>	<p><b>From: Spring 2009</b> <b>To: TBA</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review of Parks and Grounds Maintenance</b></p>	<p>To investigate the service and improve the experience of local people and visitors as a result</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appreciative Inquiry Approach</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Phil Larratt</p>	<p><b>From: October 2008</b> <b>To: TBA</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Initial Private Sector Housing Strategy</b></p>	<p>To investigate the Council's procedure for disability facility grants</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Appreciative Inquiry Approach</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOINT REVIEW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 and Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor David Garlick</p>	<p><b>From: To reconvene TBA</b> <b>To: TBA</b></p> <p><b>NB: ON HOLD. To reconvene when the Private Sector Housing</b></p>

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				<b>Strategy is produced</b>
<b>Choice Based Lettings</b>	To investigate the Choice Based Lettings System and to improve the accessibility of the service as a result	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From: TBA To: TBA
<b>The robustness of housing allocations and the quality of tenants' accommodation and approved landlords</b>	To investigate the allocations systems and to improve the accessibility of the service as a result	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From:- TBA To: TBA
<b>Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)</b>	To investigate how the Council currently works in partnership with this sector and to improve the relationship and service received as a result	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From:- TBA To: TBA
<b>Tenancy Occupation and Subletting</b>	To investigate tenancies with particular focus on subletting of property	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From:- TBA To: TBA

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<b>HRA Asset Management &amp; Strategy</b>	To improve safety both in the home and the environment	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From:- TBA  To: TBA
<b>Northampton Borough Council's Customer Services</b>	To investigate the Council's Customer Services and make recommendations for improvement	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3</b>	<b>TBA</b>	From:- Oct/Nov 2008  To: May 2009
<b>Initial Private Sector Housing Strategy</b>	To investigate the Council's procedure for disability facility grants  <b>Appreciative Inquiry Approach</b>	<b>JOINT REVIEW</b>  <b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 and Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3</b>	Councillor David Garlick	From: To reconvene TBA  To: TBA  NB: ON HOLD. To reconvene when the Private Sector Housing Strategy is produced

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<b>Monitoring and Budget Programme</b>	To investigate the Council's monitoring and budget programme and make recommendations for improvement	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3</b>	Councillor Tim Hadland	<b>From: July 2008</b> <b>To: July 2010</b>
<b>Evaluation of Overview and Scrutiny</b>	To evaluate the performance of Overview and Scrutiny at Northampton using the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)'s self evaluation framework	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>	Councillor Andrew Simpson	<b>From: July 2008</b> <b>To: October 2008</b>
<b>More Facilities for Older Children</b>	To investigate facilities for older children	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>	Councillor Andrew Simpson	<b>From: February 2009</b> <b>To: March 3 2009</b>

**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**