

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 April 2016

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2016/2017

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 2016/2017 was held on Monday, 21 March 2016.

2 Work Programme Event 2016

- 2.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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
- 2.4 Over fifty suggestions for future Scrutiny review were put forward by members of the public.

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3 Suggested Reviews for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2016/2017

- 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 2016/2017.

Unitary Status – To support the process to ensure the best outcome for people and businesses of Northampton. This review could include looking at boundaries. A request for this pre-decision Scrutiny will be submitted in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Pre-Decision Scrutiny Protocol.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Human Trafficking and Domestic Slavery To ensure Northampton Borough Council plays an active role in tackling CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery

Museum Trust - Scrutiny of the establishment of the Museum Trust to ensure the best outcome for the future of the Museum Service and Cultural Quarter. A request for this pre-decision Scrutiny will be submitted in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Pre-Decision Scrutiny Protocol.

Reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

It is suggested to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that a further review will commence later in the year; with an initial report to the Committee:

Homelessness To review how the Borough Council and its partners monitors and responds to those without homes in the borough. The review could include:

Rough Sleepers
Temporary Accommodation
Prevention (causes)

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Reports will be requested to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the following topics:

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- **Customer Services**, in particular, it will be requested for an update on the recommendations contained within the previous O&S Report (Customer Services 2012)
- **Sustainable provision of play equipment across the town** It will be requested that the report also contains details of any gaps in provision
- **Homelessness** (initial report) followed by setting up a Scrutiny Review
- **Emission** – It will be requested that data is provided about hotspots in the town

3.2 The event discussed the suggestions proposed by all three groups and agreed that the following proposed issues be prioritised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in the O&S Work Programme 2016/2017:

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2016/2017 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.
- 4.2 That membership of the four Scrutiny Panels is set and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the four 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 2016/2017 with all Councillors, and Directors.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2016/2017 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

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