

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 April 2018

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2018/2019

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 2018/2019 was held on Thursday 19 April 2018.

2 Work Programme Event 2018

- 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 Over seventy 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 2018/2019

- 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 2018/2019.
- 3.2 The Work Programme Event agreed that it would recommend the following reviews for 2018/2019:

Homelessness and Rough Sleepers

Purpose: Engaging rough sleepers, making best use of 'Housing First' and tackling hidden homelessness.

Impact of the move of the University of Northampton

Purpose: To review the impact on the town and local areas; including student accommodation

Northampton - Post Unitary

Purpose: To look at Northampton, post Unitary, giving particular consideration to how civic pride and ceremonies can be protected.

Working Group

Evaluation of O&S

Purpose: To evaluate the effectiveness of all O&S reviews since 2003.

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:

- Enforcement of adults riding bicycles on pavements and the parking of cars on pavements
- The Bus Station
- Revenue from the hiring of rooms at the Guildhall
- Report on tenancies and how housing stock is increasing and maintained
- Littering and the cleanliness of the town
- Research - HIMOs

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- 3.2 The event discussed the suggestions proposed by all three groups and agreed that the above proposed issues be prioritised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for inclusion in the O&S Work Programme 2018/2019.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2018/2019 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.
- 4.2 That membership of the three Scrutiny Panels and the Working Group is set and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints the Chairs of the three Scrutiny Panels and the Working Group.
- 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 2018/2019 with all Councillors, and Directors.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/2019 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.