

Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 April 2019

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/2020

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 2019/2020 was held on 4 March 2019.

2 Work Programme Event 2019

- 2.1 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee opened the event and explained how the event would work. Heads of Service, 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 2019/2020

3.1 In three Groups, Councillors, supported by a Head of Service, put forward suggested issues for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2019/2020.

3.2 The Work Programme Event agreed that it would recommend the following reviews for consideration for 2019/2020.

- Supporting vulnerable residents and supporting care leavers, including knife crime.
- Facilities for students and how information is presented to the public.
- Addressing food poverty, e.g. food recycling, grown your own, work with supermarkets.
- Understanding the role of NPH – review operational issues.

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:

- Public transport usage review – including buses, trains and parking
- Protecting the wildlife in the borough (parks and building focus)
- Effectiveness of the transfer of community centres
- Monitoring of the Environmental Services Contract

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 2019/2020.

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4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2019/2020 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.
- 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 2019/2020 with all Councillors, and Heads of Service.
- 4.5 That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/2020 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

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