

Overview & Scrutiny Committee



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A meeting of the **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the **Council Chamber - Council Offices** on **Wednesday, 20 July 2022** at **9.30 am**.

At the discretion of the Chairman, a short break will be taken after the meeting has been running for approximately one and a half hours

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To: Mr N Dixon, Mr S Penfold, Ms L Withington, Mr H Blathwayt, Mr P Heinrich, Dr V Holliday, Mr N Housden, Mrs E Spagnola, Mr A Varley, Mr C Cushing and Mr P Fisher

All other Members of the Council for information.
Members of the Management Team, appropriate Officers, Press and Public



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A G E N D A

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSTITUTES

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

To receive questions / statements from the public, if any.

4. MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15th June 2022.

5. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To determine any other items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Code of Conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest.

7. PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To consider any petitions received from members of the public.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY A MEMBER

To consider any requests made by non-executive Members of the Council, and notified to the Monitoring Officer with seven clear working days' notice, to include an item on the agenda of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

9. RESPONSES OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CABINET TO THE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider any responses of the Council or the Cabinet to the Committee's reports or recommendations:

10. AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES MONITORING: ICB (FORMER CCG) & EEAST

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To receive and note the requested data, alongside responses to advance questions submitted by the Committee.

Summary: This report provides data on the possible impacts of second homes and holiday lets on the District of North Norfolk, and provides recommendations to implement possible future mitigation measures.

Options considered:

1. Note the report and choose not to act upon the data.
2. Request further analysis or appraisal of options available to the Council, and the appropriate resource to do so.
3. Consider approval of the recommendations and await expected legislation aimed to mitigate the impacts of second homes and holiday lets.

Conclusions: Data provided in the report shows that whilst there are a high number of second homes in select areas or Parishes, it remains difficult to prove any direct correlation between the prevalence of second homes and holiday lets with any tangible positive or negative impacts.

Recommendations:

1. **It is recommended that Members note the data provided in the report and consider the merit of draft policies relating to Council Tax and Planning restrictions, alongside the resources required to implement such policies.**
2. **To recommend to Cabinet that NNDC supports the draft provisions of the Regeneration and Levelling Up Bill which would enable the doubling of Council Tax on second homes, alongside the Council making representations to Government seeking further legislative changes to enable the retention of increased tax revenue collected by 2nd tier authorities (District Councils).**
3. **To recommend to Cabinet that NNDC supports the extension of planning controls proposed in the draft provisions of the Regeneration and Levelling Up Bill, alongside the Council making representations to Government seeking further changes to request that all second and holiday homes require planning permission.**

4. To recommend to Cabinet that NNDC responds positively to a call for evidence on the registration of tourist accommodation.
5. If Members are not satisfied that the data provided in the report provides the necessary information required to support mitigation measures, it is recommended that consideration is given to what further investigation is required, and the resources necessary to undertake such investigations.

Reasons for

Recommendations: To determine whether the data outlined in the report warrants the need to prepare for implementation of policies to mitigate the impacts of second homes and holiday lets.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(Papers relied on to write the report, which do not contain exempt information and which are not published elsewhere)

Cabinet Member(s)	Ward(s) affected
N/a	All

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12. **EQL SCRUTINY PANEL: PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REVIEW & RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT** 103 - 112

Summary	The Council has sought to prepare a Public Convenience Strategy aimed at providing a clear path to future management of this non-statutory function that is felt to be essential for both visitors and the local population. Public toilets are crucial to tourism and town centre economies but are facing ever increasing costs to provide.
Options considered	The panel has reviewed in-depth over the past 6 months, the Draft Public Convenience Strategy and sought expertise and guidance from both officers and external consultants regarding a range of options and ideas. The group also sought opinions from local Town and Parish Councils.
Conclusion	<p>In general the panel supports the provision of a Strategy to ensure a holistic approach to the future management of the Council's extensive portfolio of 38 public conveniences across the District. The following recommendations are made regarding the Draft Public Toilet Provision Strategy Document.</p> <p>The Panel reviewed current provision, sought to identify options for the future and reviewed means of obtaining and achieving customer expectation.</p>
Recommendations	The working group has made fourteen recommendations which are listed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 3 on page 10 of the report.
Reasons for Recommendations	To ensure that the Council's public conveniences are managed and maintained efficiently and effectively to a high standard for public use by residents and visitors.

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Public Conveniences Strategy

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to follow.

13. WASTE CONTRACT: NEW TARGET OPERATING MODEL - VERBAL UPDATE

To receive and note a verbal update from the Director for Communities on the implementation of Serco's new target operating model.

WORK PROGRAMMES

14. THE CABINET WORK PROGRAMME 113 - 114

To note the upcoming Cabinet Work Programme:

15. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATE 115 - 124

To receive an update from the Scrutiny Officer on progress made with topics on its agreed work programme, training updates and to receive any further information which Members may have requested at a previous meeting.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To pass the following resolution, if necessary:

"That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph _ of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act."