

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2025/2026

	Future Items			
Topic	Purpose	When	Cabinet Member	Decision Maker
Local Government Reorganisation	To feed into the LGR process at key stages, making any recs to Full Council – this will be added to the programme on a rolling basis – as and when required.	Autumn 2025 onwards overview	Cllr T Adams	Full Council
FLASH <i>(April?)</i>	To assess the framework agreement for the Fakenham Leisure and Sports Hub and receive an update on the project <i>No date when this might be in so may slip to Apr/May</i>	scrutiny	Cllr L Withington	Cabinet/ Lead Officer
Substance Abuse	Scoping required. To consider the piece of work by Cllr Shires and if the Committee could add any value to it.	overview	Cllr L Shires	O&S
Asset Management Plan <i>(Slipped, spring at earliest, impacted by LGR) TBC – May?</i>	To make recommendations to Full Council <i>Slipped to Autumn – needs to be updated to include changes needed to reflect impact of LGR and Audit recs.</i>	Review of AMP scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Scrutiny Full Council
Housing Benefit Debt Recovery Report <i>July 2026 – if needed.</i>	To make recommendations to Full Council	scrutiny	Cllr W Fredericks	Scrutiny Full Council
Overview of NNDC Workforce <i>(slipped to July at earliest as awaiting LGR decision)</i>	Through a Financial and Transformational ‘lens’ <i>Impact of LGR, transformation to Unitary – impact on service delivery and morale How vacancies are managed, how agency staff are used, what work the council does to recruit staff, as well as the impact of vacancies, especially key staff, on the Council’s service delivery and budget.</i>	(scrutiny)	Cllr T Adams	
Public Transport and speed limits	Invite the portfolio holder for transport and Highways to discuss speed limits and public transport in North Norfolk	(scrutiny)	N/A	O&S

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Ambulance Response Times	To follow-up and review ambulance response times and to also consider the closure of community facilities.	(scrutiny)	N/A	O&S
Dentists	To review access to local NHS dentist services for local people	(scrutiny)	N/A	O&S
O&S Deprivation data	To consider how deprivation data could help feed into work programme	One-off Private session	Cllr L Shires	O&S
May 2026				
Meeting Cancelled				
June 2026				
Reporting progress implementing Corporate Plan 2023-27 Action Plan– to end of Q4	To review the Council's performance and make any recommendations to Cabinet	Quarterly scrutiny	Cllr T Adams	Cabinet
Anglian Water	Progress report on AW actions following December Meeting	Scheduled Update overview	Cllr H Blathwayt	O&S
NHOSC Report	Update from recent NHOSC meeting	Quarterly	Cllr V Holliday	Scrutiny
Rural England Prosperity Fund Economic Growth to evaluate and consider impact. More likely in July	PH for Sustainable Growth reports back with an update position on a selection of businesses across a variety of sectors in 12 months' time, including an on the benefits achieved from the funding.	overview	Cllr J Toye	O&S
LGR Update	As appropriate	Monthly	Cllr T Adams	Cabinet
July 2026				

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Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy <i>(Might be seen in June – could swap with REPF)</i>	Scrutiny of the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy – making recs to Full Council.	Scrutiny	Cllr J Boyle	FC
Rural Strategy <i>Might be June</i>	To provide oversight of the Rural Position Statement of local services to ensure they are preserved as the Council transitions into a new authority.	Scrutiny	Cllr J. Toye	FC
Debt Recovery 2025-26	To consider report and make recommendations to Full Council if required.	Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	FC
Housing Benefit Debt Recovery Report 1/4/25 – 31/3/26	To approve the annual report and to make recommendations to Full Council if required.	Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	FC
2025/26 Outturn Report	Members are asked to consider the report and make recommendations to Full Council if required.	Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	FC
September 2026				
Police & Crime Commissioner – Review of Police and Crime Plan	The PCC to attend the Committee to provide an overview of the Police & Crime Plan and respond to questions. <i>Possibly with the additional focus of looking at the transition, and transfer of duties, to the new Mayoral office.</i>	Annual Update overview	N/A	Scrutiny
Budget Monitoring P4	To review the BM report and make any recs to Cabinet	Cyclical overview	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
Reporting progress implementing Corporate Plan 2023-27 Action Plan– to end of Q1	To review the Council's performance and make any recommendations to Cabinet <i>It may be worth considering this in conjunction with the BM report as they both focus on monitoring performance.</i>	Quarterly overview	Cllr T Adams	Cabinet

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NHOSC Report	Update from recent NHOSC meeting	Quarterly	Cllr V Holliday	Scrutiny
October 2026				
O&S Annual Report 2023-2025	To recommend to Full Council the Committee's Annual report summarising its key achievements and highlighting any issues over the previous two years	Annual overview	N/A	O&S Full Council
Draft Revenue Budget 2026-2027 May move to Dec	To consider recommendations to Cabinet on the Draft Budget	Annual Pre- Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
Budget Setting 2027/2028	To consider how the Committee wants to feed into the Budget setting process for 2026/2027 – including pre-scrutiny of key reports such as the MTFS <i>Agree date for Budget setting workshop/discussion – possibly with Cabinet?</i>	Annual Pre- scrutiny/ scoping	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
November 2026				
Budget Monitoring P6	To review the BM report and make any recs to Cabinet	Cyclical overview	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
Fees & Charges 2026/2027	To review the Fees & Charges and make recs to Full Council	Annual scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
Car Park Fees & Charges	To Consider and make recommendations to Cabinet	Annual scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
December 2026				

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Council Tax Discount Determinations 2027/2028	To review the CT Discount Determinations and make recs to Full Council	Annual overview	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
Reporting progress implementing Corporate Plan 2023-27 Action Plan– to end of Q2	To review the Council's performance and make any recommendations to Cabinet	Quarterly scrutiny	Cllr T Adams	Cabinet
NHOSC Report	Update from recent NHOSC meeting	Quarterly overview	Cllr V Holliday	Scrutiny
Anglian Water	Progress report on AW actions following June Meeting	Scheduled Update overview	Cllr H Blathwayt	O&S
Budget Savings Early pre-scrutiny of Budget proposals 2027-2028	To consider savings proposals for 2027/28 and make any recs to Cabinet ahead of the Budget setting process	Annual Pre-scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
Draft Revenue Budget 2027-2028	To consider making recommendations to Cabinet on the draft revenue budget.	Annual Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
January 2027				
February 2027				
Capital Strategy 2026/2027	To review the Capital Strategy for 2026-2027 and make any recommendations to Full Council	Annual Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
Draft Revenue Budget 2026-2027	To review the draft Budget proposals for 2026-2027 and make any recommendations to Full Council	Annual Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Full Council

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Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026 onwards	Pre-scrutiny of an early draft of the MTFs – making recommendations to Cabinet	Annual Scrutiny	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
Non-Domestic Business rates Policy 2026/2027	To review the Policy and make recommendations to Full Council	Annual overview	Cllr L Shires	Full Council
March 2027				
Budget Monitoring P10 2025-2026	To review the BM report and make any recommendations to Full Council	Cyclical overview	Cllr L Shires	Cabinet
Reporting progress implementing Corporate Plan 2023-27 Action Plan– to end of Q3	To review the Council's performance and make any recommendations to Cabinet	Quarterly scrutiny	Cllr T Adams	Cabinet
HOSC Report	Update from recent NHOSC meeting	Quarterly	Cllr V. Holliday	Scrutiny
Annual Action Plan	To review the Annual Action Plan for 2027/2028	Cyclical overview	CEO	Full Council

GUIDANCE FOR REVIEWING THE WORK PROGRAMME

In setting future Scrutiny topics, the Committee is asked to:

- a) Demonstrate the value any investigation would have to the Council's Community Leadership Role.
- b) Consider the relationship any future topic may have with the work of the Cabinet's Work Programme and the Council's Corporate Plan
- c) Be mindful of the public's priorities.
- d) Provide reasons for the investigation (so that Officers/Witnesses can assist Members to reach an outcome).
- e) Consider the outcomes required before commencing an investigation.
- f) Balance the need for new topics with existing items on the Scrutiny Work Programme.
- g) Consider whether it would be helpful to time limit investigations or break down some topics into smaller areas.
- h) Provide sufficient notice, where possible, in order that the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the subject, Officers and outside witnesses/attendees can fully assist the Committee.

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