

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: GROUPS/PANELS SUMMARY 2022/2023

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Homelessness Evidence Panel	Led by Councillor Waller with Councillors Burrows, Lambert, Payne and Toseland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For members of the Council to get a better understanding of the legislation related to homelessness; how RCC responds to both legislative demands and needs of residents and make recommendations for improvement. • For members of the Council to better understand who in Rutland is at risk of homelessness and to explore ways which might reduce such risk. 	<p>6.1 That the Leader of the Council designates one 'Portfolio Holder' to take the lead on housing and for that person to actively engage with his/her colleagues, as appropriate, on housing matters.</p> <p>6.2 That Cabinet (or the Portfolio Holder should one be appointed) monitors the placement of victims of domestic violence on a regular basis to ensure they are safe and their needs are met. [This is met through Children's Social Care who manage the Domestic Violence contract.]</p> <p>6.3 That RCC explores with its registered social landlords the possibility of increasing the number of homes in Rutland available for temporary accommodation.</p> <p>6.4 That Cabinet, as part of the Council's Asset Review, explores the options for developing new temporary accommodation in Rutland to house those who have been made homeless.</p> <p>6.5 That RCC reconsiders the development of a 'Choice Based Lettings Policy', using learning from</p>	<p>FINISHED</p> <p>Recommendation 6.2 to be amended for approval at Scrutiny Committee on 23rd March. All other recommendations approved by Scrutiny Committee on 9th February 2023.</p>

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			<p>other councils' policies and in consultation with registered social landlords, to better meet current needs.</p> <p>6.6 That the Housing Allocations Policy be reviewed so that it is transparent and easy for applicants to use, with a user-friendly 'Customer Guide' and that it takes into consideration aspects highlighted in this report e.g. 'Means Testing' and the needs of the over 60's in the context of an increasing elderly population in Rutland and the type of accommodation they could be considered for.</p> <p>6.7 That Cabinet review the contract with Peterborough City Council for the provision of services in relation to private landlords with a view to improving data collection on the private sector in Rutland.</p> <p>6.8 That Cabinet review the 'Housing Services Review—Strategy and Operations Group' ensuring that it, or any successor group, has clear terms of reference and appropriate membership.</p>	
Minerals Authority	Led by Councillor Begy with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the growing level of quarrying activity within Rutland it is important 	Following a discussion with the Strategic Director of Places, it had	CEASED Update report

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Contract Evidence Panel	Councillor G Brown.	<p>that these operations are carefully monitored and within the terms of the contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand any current or future constraints to the contract and its operation such as specialist staffing. 	<p>been agreed that a working group would not be the best way forward but that an update report would be more appropriate.</p>	<p>from the Strategic Director of Places to be presented to Scrutiny Committee: 20th April 2023</p>
Economic Development Task and Finish Group	Led by Councillor A Brown with Councillors Ainsley, Baines, Begy and Waller.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of this review is to analyse available data and experiences of other authorities to recommend key focus areas to be considered in the production of an economic development strategy. This strategy needs to align with other plans within Rutland such as the Local Plan, Local Transport Plan and Health and Wellbeing Strategy so we can effectively deliver the communities 'Future Rutland' vision we have endorsed as a council. 	<p>Engagement continues with officers with further meetings of the group planned in the Spring of 2023.</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>
Culture/Asset Review Task and Finish Group	Led by Councillor A Walters with Councillors Baines, Begy, Fox and Waller.	<p>On the 5th October 2022, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> AGREED to move forward in principle with the Culture/Asset Review. AGREED to seek the advice of the Director of Places regarding reviewing culture as a whole or breaking it down in different phases. 	<p>On the 9th February 2023, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> AGREED that the Culture/Asset Review Task and Finish Group should cease. AGREED that Councillor E Baines would, with the support of Governance, continue to seek information from educational establishments as to how the culture offer would be of most benefit to students and how they might become more involved. AGREED that, after the elections 	<p>CEASED</p>

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			<p>in May 2023, the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 15th June 2023 should consider re-commencing the Culture/Asset Review Task and Finish Group with updated Terms of Reference following the outcome of the Council's transformation programme.</p>	
Customer Experience Task and Finish Group	Led by Councillor Begy with Councillor K Bool		<p>On the 9th February 2023, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AGREED that the Customer Experience Task and Finish Group should cease. b) AGREED that, after the elections in May 2023, the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee should on the 15th June 2023 consider re-commencing the Customer Experience Task and Finish Group with updated Terms of Reference following the outcome of the Council's transformation programme. 	CEASED
Highways and Speeding Group	Led by Councillor P Browne with Councillor Bool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping document to be produced and work to be carried out in conjunction with Parish Councils. 	<p>On the 23rd March, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AGREED that the Highways and Speeding Group should cease. b) AGREED that, after the elections 	CEASED (tbc)

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			in May 2023, the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee should on the 15th June 2023 consider re-commencing the Highways and Speeding Group.	
Public Transport Group	None identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide evidence based advice to Cabinet and Council to help shape the future commissioning of bus services within Rutland. 	<p>On the 5th October 2022, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>a) AGREED not to continue with the review of the public transport service.</p> <p>b) REQUESTED to review the report on the Public Bus Transport Review, following its presentation to Cabinet on the 12th January 2023 for input regarding the proposed business plans prior to a final decision being made towards the end of 2023.</p>	CEASED (As Group/Panel – update was instead provided directly to the Committee)
SEND Group	Led by Councillor Ainsley with Councillors Baines, Begy, P Browne, Payne and Webb.	<p>Meeting held on the 15th July 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEND Group to decide if they would like to be involved in the SEND Peer Review or wait until 2023 when the new SEND guidance had been finalised and implemented. 	<p>On the 5th October 2022, Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>a) RECOMMENDED better communication and engagement between Strategic Director of Children and Families and Councillors.</p>	CEASED