

Pending Items for Scrutiny Work Plan 2023/2024 (Updated: 13 November 2023)

The Scrutiny Work Plan outlines the areas of work which are expected to be scrutinised over the coming months/year by or on behalf of the Council's Scrutiny function and any Panels/Task and Finish Groups convened for review work.

Topics added to the work plan will have expected outcomes to add value to the services delivered by the Council and its partners and/or improve the quality of lives of Rutland residents. It is recognised that there is a need for flexibility in the work plan so as to allow relevant issues to be dealt with when they arise.

Scrutiny should always link back to the Council Corporate Strategy so that it is scrutinising whether the Council is meeting its strategic aims. Scrutiny should use effective processes to select topics that will contribute towards the best possible work plan for Scrutiny. This means looking at and using sources of information that may help them to choose the right topics.

Successful Scrutiny is about looking at the right topic in the right way and Members will need to be selective whilst also being able to demonstrate clear arguments in favour of including or excluding topics.

A common pitfall for Scrutiny can be the inclusion of topics on the work plan that are unmanageable, of limited interest to the community, purely for informational purposes, have few outcomes and fail to 'add value' to the work of the Council or the wellbeing of the community.

The selection and prioritisation of topics is critical to the effectiveness of Scrutiny so processes are in place to ensure clearer focus, particularly in poor or weak areas of performance or major issues of concern to the wider community. It is not possible to include every topic suggested as Scrutiny has limited time and resources and therefore workplans need to be manageable.

Does it stand up to the PAPER test?

- **P**ublic interest – is the matter of concern to residents?
- **A**bility to have an impact – can Scrutiny influence and change things?
- **P**erformance – is it an underperforming area or service?
- **E**xtent – does it affect a number of residents or a large geographic area?
- **R**eplication – is it a new matter? i.e. not discussed in the past 6 months or currently being dealt with

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Timescale (approx.)	Suggested Topics	Directorate	Lead Officer(s)	Notes	Corporate Aim	Decision
Sept / Oct 2023	Leisure	Places	Strategic Director of Places & Head of Culture and Registration (Robert Clayton)	Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 of the leisure procurement process closed on Friday, 14.07.23. • The outcome of Part 1 of the process would be considered by Cabinet on 15.08.23. • Depending on the outcome of Part 1 of the leisure procurement process, the Scrutiny Committee could undertake some forward-thinking policy development on principles of leisure. • The Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) would be able to provide Scrutiny Committee with clearer details including timings regarding possible scrutiny options following the Cabinet meeting on the 15.08.23. 	Healthy and Well	
Oct. 2023	Access to NHS Dental Services: Update	Adults and Health	NHS England - Dental	Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to be requested from NHS England for Oct 2023. • National issue. • Item not to be discussed at Scrutiny Committee as scrutiny would have little influence or ability to change things. • Update report to be shared with Scrutiny Committee members for communication with residents. 	Healthy and Well	
Dec. 2023	Customer	Resources	Strategic Director of Resources and Head of IT and Customer Services (Andy Nix)	Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A possible impact assessment study could be done by the Scrutiny Committee towards the end of 2023. • Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) to advise 	A Modern and Effective Council	

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Late 2023/24 or Early 2024/25	Waste	Places	Strategic Director of Places & Head of Safe and Active Public Realm (Angela Culleton)	Extent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny Committee would have little to add at this stage following the extension of the waste contract. • Scrutiny Committee to be involved in the next procurement stage. • Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) to advise the Scrutiny Committee nearer the time. 	Sustainable Lives	
TBC	Safety on our Highways	Places	Strategic Director of Places	Public Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Speedwatch was working effectively. • Issue was being dealt with by the Community Safety Partnership. • Scrutiny Committee to review the 'Satisfaction Survey' when published by the Leicestershire Police to identify areas (if any) for scrutiny. 	A County for Everyone	