

## **Pending Items for Scrutiny Work Plan 2023/2024 (Updated: 8 February 2024)**

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

**PENDING ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY WORK PLAN: UPDATED 08.02.24**

<b>Timescale (approx.)</b>	<b>Suggested Topics</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Lead Officer(s)</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Corporate Aim</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>Oct. 2023</b>	<b>Access to NHS Dental Services: Update</b>	Adults and Health	NHS England - Dental	<b>Public Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NATIONAL ISSUE</li> <li>Item not to be discussed at Scrutiny Committee as scrutiny would have little influence or ability to change things.</li> <li>Update report to be presented to the LLR Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (27.03.24). Chair of SOSC to share outcome with Scrutiny Committee members for communication with residents.</li> </ul>	Healthy and Well	
<b>Dec. 2023</b>	<b>Customer</b>	Resources	Strategic Director of Resources and Head of IT and Customer Services (Andy Nix)	<b>Public Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was proposed that a possible impact assessment study could be done by the Scrutiny Committee but this would depend on the results of the upcoming performance reports.</li> <li>Customer Services Performance Reports were considered by CLT: 27.07.23, 30.11.23 &amp; 28.03.24</li> <li>Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) to advise if the Scrutiny Committee can be involved.</li> </ul>	A Modern and Effective Council	
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Safety on our Highways</b> (inc. speeding, road surface conditions, road signs, speed indicators, bicycle lanes etc.)	Places	Strategic Director of Places	<b>Public Interest</b>	A County for Everyone	
<b>April/May 2024</b>	<b>Levelling Up Fund (LUF)</b>	Places	Strategic Director of Places	<b>Public Interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update to be received. Time tbc.</li> </ul>	A County for Everyone	