

Agenda

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 17 November 2025**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber**

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

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| Chair | Councillor Catherine Pope |
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| | Councillor Michael Adams |
| | Councillor Pauline Allan |
| | Councillor Roy Allan |
| | Councillor Jim Creamer |
| | Councillor Andrew Dunkin |
| | Councillor Rachael Ellis |
| | Councillor Darren Maltby |
| | Councillor Ron McCrossen |
| | Councillor Grahame Pope |
| | Councillor Sam Smith |
| | Councillor Russell Whiting |

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Role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- a) Hold the Executive to account
 - Review the performance and decisions of the Executive
 - Review the Council's progress in achieving policy aims and performance targets
 - Review the performance of individual services
- b) Develop and review policy
 - Help the Council and the Executive develop policy by studying issues in detail
 - Carry out research and consultation on policy
- c) Call-in Executive decisions
 - Exercise the right to call in decisions made by the Executive, but not yet implemented, if there is a need for the decision to be reviewed

d) Hold others to account

- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee can hold other public service providers to account for their activities and performance
- Undertake an annual review of the work of the Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

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MINUTES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday 29 September 2025

Councillor Catherine Pope (Chair)

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| Councillor David Brocklebank | Councillor Rachael Ellis |
| Councillor Pauline Allan | Councillor Andrew Meads |
| Councillor Roy Allan | Councillor Grahame Pope |
| Councillor Jim Creamer | Councillor Martin Smith |
| Councillor Andrew Dunkin | Councillor Sam Smith |

Apologies for absence: Councillor Darren Maltby and Councillor Ron McCrossen

Officers in Attendance: M Avery, S Duhra, B Hopewell, D Reason, S Troman, N Wall and F Whyley

Guests in Attendance: Councillor V McCrossen and M Paling

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, Maltby, McCrossen and Whiting. Councillors Meads and Martin Smith attended as substitute.

11 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2025.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

13 PARTNERSHIP REVIEW - DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS (DWP).

It was noted that the Department for Work and Pensions had sent their apologies as they could not attend the meeting and had asked to attend the next meeting in November.

RESOLVED:

To defer the item until the meeting in November.

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PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER PERFORMANCE.

Members welcomed Councillor Viv McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Natural Habitat to the meeting to examine her portfolio. Councillor McCrossen delivered an update on the various areas of responsibility within her portfolio. She gave the following updates:

It was noted that the Council's Carbon footprint for 2023-2024 saw a 45% decrease in CO2 emissions when compared to 2019/20. The decrease primarily in relation to vehicle and electricity emissions.

Members noted that bicycle lockers had been installed at the Civic Centre and various leisure centres across the borough, enabling staff and public to cycle with confidence that their property would be secure.

Government funding of £287K had been secured through the Fast Followers Competition funded by the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero Innovation UK. The funding would aim to deliver efficiencies and a scalable route to Net Zero for the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA). The bid was submitted in collaboration with Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Rushcliffe Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and Gedling Borough Council.

It was noted that Devolution retrofit funding schemes funded by the EMCCA delivered £578,000 on installations of home energy efficiency measures within lower income households with low energy performance ratings within the borough.

Members noted that a funding bid for £100k to improve the Jackie Bells Park, in partnership with the Friends of Jackie Bells Park, had been successful. Various other funding bids are due to be submitted, working in partnership with the following groups:

- Friends of Church Lane
- Friends of Onchan Park
- Newstead Parish Council

The Chair then gave Members the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor McCrossen's portfolio.

Members asked what the Council had been doing to protect Gedling parks from traveller encampments.

It was noted that the Council had been looking at access points to parks and conducting an audit to safeguard them from traveller encampments.

Members asked what the Council had been doing to provide activities for young people when considering improvements for Gedling parks.

It was noted that Gedling Borough Council had been praised on its use of park infrastructure to enable skateboarding and other activities for young people.

Members queried whether there had been any consideration towards on street electric vehicle charging points via street lighting and other means.

The Council had been in consultation with Nottinghamshire County Council to provide the infrastructure to facilitate on street charging and potential sites were being identified.

Members asked whether data had been collected on the use of Gedling Country Park and queried whether the council had seen a decrease in visits since the introduction of the parking charge.

It was noted that although the Council itself doesn't conduct footfall figures, the 'park run' conducts footfall figures for their various events and hadn't seen a decrease. It was also noted that the café had not reported a decrease in footfall.

Members queried whether the annual fee for parking could benefit from a quarterly offering to help residents with affordability.

It was noted that this could be something the Council could look at ahead of the upcoming fee setting.

RESOLVED:

To thank Councillor McCrossen for the information provided.

PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER PERFORMANCE.

Members welcomed Councillor Marje Paling, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Operations) to the meeting to examine her portfolio. Councillor Paling delivered a brief update on some key areas of responsibility within her portfolio. She gave the following updates:

Members noted that the council's waste management service collected the following:

- Black Bins (residual)
- Green Bins (recycling)
- Glass Boxes
- Brown Bins (Garden Waste)
- Trade Waste

- Food waste for businesses with 10 or more employees.

It was noted that the new Whites pace waste management system had been implemented and had already seen an impact on efficiencies.

Members noted that new bin lorries were due to be introduced, with the expectation that they would see a significant reduction in vehicle breakdowns, further improving waste collections.

Members noted the remaining space in cemeteries within the borough:

- Carlton Cemetery – 20 years
- Gedling Cemetery – 11 to 15 years
- Redhill Cemetery – Full

It was noted that each year the Council's Street cleaning team cleaned over 2,000 miles of streets, footpaths, public spaces and parks. Scheduling had been an issue this year as leaf fall had started early, forcing a change in schedule for heavy leaf fall areas.

The Chair gave Members the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor Paling's portfolio.

Members expressed concern with consistently missed garden waste bins for the residents within their ward, highlighting that garden waste is a paid service, emphasising how important it is to resolve the issue.

It was noted that garden waste had been placed at the top of the list for a round re-organisation as the Council had been aware that the current customer base and crew capacity were unsustainable.

Members queried whether the transition to green diesel for the bin lorries had seen any decrease in their capacity.

It was noted that the Council had not seen a decrease in the vehicles' performance.

Members queried whether any consideration could be given to the sweeping schedules of sites within the borough where there had been a reduction in sweeps per year.

It was noted that the sweeping schedules were currently under review and that officers would be interested in hearing about any area in particular which could benefit from a review.

Members queried whether the Council had any plans to increase capacity in the cemeteries which were becoming full.

It was noted that other cemeteries were being developed by private developers, and the Council had been considering expanding Carlton cemetery to improve capacity.

Members queried whether the public litter bins within the borough could be reviewed as some are becoming full far too quickly while others remain empty between rounds.

It was noted that with the roll out of the Whites pace system for street care, staff would be able to note how full bins were when they were emptied to inform revisions to bin locations and collection rounds.

RESOLVED:

To thank Councillor Paling for the information provided.

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CARLTON TOWN BOARD UPDATE REPORT.

The Assistant Director for Economic Growth and Regeneration introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing an update on progress activity within the Greater Carlton Plan for Neighbourhoods programme.

Members queried whether the website had been updated for the Carlton Neighbourhood Board, highlighting that the minutes of some recent meetings had not been published.

It was agreed to review website and ensure the minutes were published.

Members expressed concern towards the boundary extension, querying why the boundary had been extended so far beyond Carlton.

It was noted that the Greater Carlton Town Board had agreed that the boundary would be extended to include the entirety of the Mapperley local centre and open space areas to maximise opportunities to deliver projects in accordance with the plan for neighbourhoods' guidance. The decision made by the board had been community led, with Gedling Borough Council acting as the responsible body, ensuring the guidance was followed correctly.

It was noted that this item would come back to Committee in January.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

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REVIEW OF FLY TIPPING AND LITTER MANAGEMENT REPORT.

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (Operations) introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the

meeting, advising Members of the current situation in terms of fly tipping, litter management and waste management across the borough. The report also suggested that the committee forms a working group to review the approach to litter and waste management operations.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the current situation in terms of fly tipping, litter management across the borough; and
- 2) Form a working group to complete a more thorough review of fly tipping, litter and waste management.

17 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE Q1 25/26

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating Members of the Committee on the current level of assurance that can be provided against each corporate risk.

RESOLVED:

To note the current risk level and actions identified within the Corporate Risk Register.

18 GEDLING PLAN Q1 PERFORMANCE 2025/26 REPORT.

The Assistant Director for Digital, Data & Technology, introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Members in summary of the position against Performance Indicators and Annual Delivery Plan Actions in Quarter 1 of 2025/26.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

19 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Democratic Services Manager, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating Members on the scrutiny work programme.

It was agreed that the Department for Work and Pensions would attend the next meeting in November, along with the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Members expressed an interest in hearing an update on the AI Policy in 6 months' time.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 7.48 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date:

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Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Partnership review – Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

Date: 17 November 2025

Author: Democratic Services Manager

Purpose

To consider the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) as part of the programme of reviewing the council's partners.

Recommendation(s)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1) considers, asks questions and makes comment on the information provided

1 Background

At the 25 April 2022 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members agreed to roll out a programme of attendance by external partners at committee. A few partners were identified that would be invited to future meetings, including health and housing providers across the borough.

Invited questions from members will be put to the partner at each meeting, along with 'Ad hoc' questions at the meeting itself.

2. 2025/26 programme of partnership attendance

The Citizen's Advice Bureau will be attending the committee, providing members with an overview of the work of the organisation.

Ad hoc questions can be asked at the meeting.

3 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6 Carbon reduction/sustainability implications

There are no carbon reduction/sustainability implications arising from this report.

7 Appendices

None



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Partnership review – Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Date: 17 November 2025

Author: Democratic Services Manager

Purpose

To consider the work of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) as part of the programme of reviewing the council's partners.

Recommendation(s)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1) considers, asks questions and makes comment on the information provided

1 Background

At the 25 April 2022 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members agreed to roll out a programme of attendance by external partners at committee. A few partners were identified that would be invited to future meetings, including health and housing providers across the borough.

Invited questions from members will be put to the partner at each meeting, along with 'Ad hoc' questions at the meeting itself.

2. 2025/26 programme of partnership attendance

The Department for Work and Pensions team based at the Civic Centre, Arnold, will be attending the committee, providing members with an overview of the work of the organisation.

Ad hoc questions can be asked at the meeting.

3 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6 Carbon reduction/sustainability implications

There are no carbon reduction/sustainability implications arising from this report.

7 Appendices

None



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Programme of portfolio holder attendance

Date: 17 November 2025

Author: Democratic Services Manager

Purpose

To consider the area of responsibility of Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy, as part of the programme of holding the executive to account.

Recommendation(s)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers, asks questions and makes comment on the information provided and
- 2) Discusses any topics for potential inclusion in the future work programme;

1 Background

At the 26 April 2021 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by portfolio holders, and relevant officers, at committee. Areas of performance, within each portfolio for examination, would be identified, and questions for portfolio holder submitted in advance of each meeting. 'Ad hoc' questions could also be put forward at the meeting itself.

Non-executive members would also be invited to submit questions for the portfolio holder.

2. 2025/26 programme of portfolio holder attendance

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy will be attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine her areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth – Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy.

- Planning policy, development management, building control and land charges.
- Strategic development framework, including transport and community infrastructure, walkways and cycle-paths.
- Strategic housing and addressing empty homes.
- Business growth, economic development, and inward investment.
- Workforce development, employment and skills opportunities.
- Town and local centre economy.

The report detailing performance indicators for quarter 1 of 2025-26 is attached at appendix 1 to the report.

3 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6 Carbon reduction/sustainability implications












There are no carbon reduction/sustainability implications arising from this report.

7 Appendices

Appendix 1: All portfolio performance information.



Appendix A

Performance Indicators for Q1 2025/26

| PI Status | | Long Term Trends | | Short Term Trends | |
|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|---------------|
|  | Alert |  | Improving |  | Improving |
|  | Warning |  | No Change |  | No Change |
|  | OK |  | Getting Worse |  | Getting Worse |
|  | Unknown | | | | |
|  | Data Only | | | | |

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Planning and Planning Policy

| PI Code & Short Name | Managed by | Ownership Portfolio Owners | Q1 2025/26 | | | Trend compared to previous quarter | Quarterly Status | Latest Note |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|---|---|---|
| | | | Value | Target | Year to Date | | | |
| NI154 Net additional homes provided | Development and Place | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 150 | 157 | 150 |  |  | The target has significantly increased and until new sites are allocated as part of Gedling's emerging Local Development Plan, it is unlikely |

| PI Code & Short Name | Managed by | Ownership Portfolio Owners | Q1 2025/26 | | | Trend compared to previous quarter | Quarterly Status | Latest Note |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | Value | Target | Year to Date | | | |
| | | | | | | | | the new target will be met. |
| NI155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross) | Development and Place | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 40 | 19 | 40 | ↑ | ✓ | |
| NI157a Percentage of Major planning applications processed within 13 weeks | Development and Place | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 100.00% | 92.00% | 100.00% | - | ✓ | |
| NI157b Percentage of Minor planning applications processed within 8 weeks | Development and Place | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 94.74% | 86.00% | 94.74% | ↑ | ✓ | |
| NI157c Percentage of other planning applications processed within 8 weeks | Development and Place | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 91.75% | 80.00% | 91.75% | ↑ | ✓ | |

Public Protection

| PI Code & Short Name | Managed by | Ownership Portfolio Owners | Q1 2025/26 | | | Trend compared to previous quarter | Quarterly Status | Latest Note |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | Value | Target | Year to Date | | | |

| PI Code & Short Name | Managed by | Ownership Portfolio Owners | Q1 2025/26 | | | Trend compared to previous quarter | Quarterly Status | Latest Note |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| | | | Value | Target | Year to Date | | | |
| LI118 Number of long term (over 12 months) empty homes in the Borough returned to use as a result of Gedling Borough Council intervention | Public Protection | Sustainable Growth and Economy | 16 | 18 | 16 | ↑ | ⬮ | Very slightly behind target by 2 properties. All 16 properties returned to use were "high risk" in accordance with the LGA guidance scoring matrix. |

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Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Overview & Scrutiny annual report

Date: 17 November 2025

Author: Democratic Services Manager

Purpose

To present the Overview & Scrutiny annual report to the committee

Recommendation(s)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and discuss the report and agree its submission to Council.

1 Background

As part of its work programme the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is required to prepare an annual report, which highlights work undertaken by the committee over the preceding year, for submission to Council.

The Overview & Scrutiny annual report attached at **Appendix 1**. This includes a summary of work undertaken by the committee during 2024/25. Members of the committee are asked to consider the report and make amendments to the report as appropriate.

2 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

3 Legal implications

There are no legal implication arising from this report.

4 Equalities implications

There are no equality implications arising from this report.

5 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability implications

There are no carbon reduction/environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 - Overview & Scrutiny Committee annual report

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25



The Overview & Scrutiny annual report highlights activity and the work of the committee and its working groups during the preceding year.

What does the Overview & Scrutiny Committee do?

All local authorities operating a cabinet system will have at least one Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The overview and scrutiny role is carried out by non-cabinet members; Gedling has one politically balanced committee of thirteen. The committee meets every eight weeks and like most council meetings it is open to the public.

The committee is not a decision-making body but one which monitors and influences those that do it, is a mechanism for achieving open and democratic accountability.

The role of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is to ask questions, to assure themselves that issues are being addressed and emerging risks are recognised and acted upon. Effective scrutiny utilises information and ideas from a wide range of sources and involves holding the Council and other organisations to account, providing 'critical friend' challenge to the councils' executive and other service providers. In doing this members seek to reflect the aspirations and concerns of local residents and communities.

Scrutiny is a flexible process and can be carried out in a variety of ways. Areas of enquiry can be drawn from:

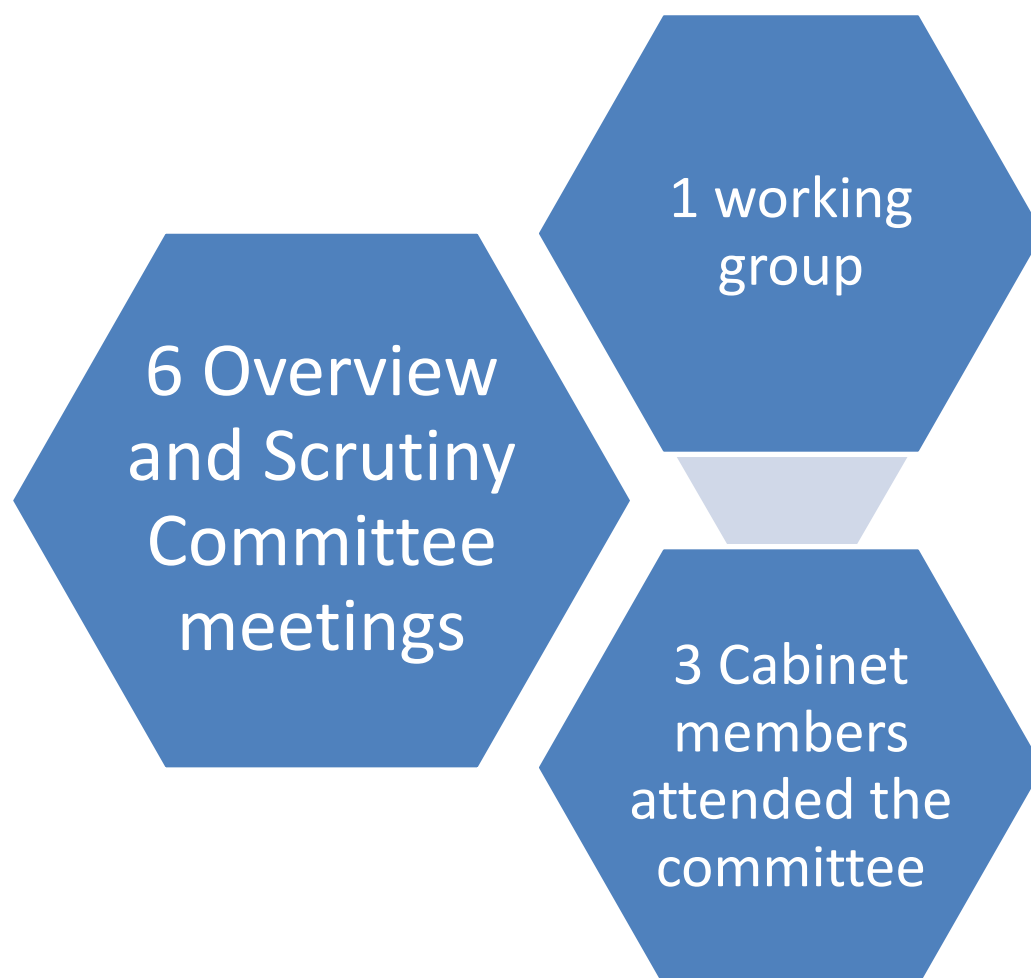
- Performance reports
- The Corporate Risk Scorecard
- Compliments and Complaints data
- Matters of local interest raised by members of the committee
- Issues raised by the wider Council membership
- Public and community engagement

At Gedling, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's role in performance monitoring enables members to scrutinise detailed performance information on a quarterly basis to help identify areas of performance that require improvement. The committee can also consider the Council's Forward Plan. The Forward Plan is a document that contains details of key executive decisions the Cabinet, cabinet members and officers are likely to take over a six-month period, this enables the committee to monitor the executive decision-making programme and undertake pre decision scrutiny if they consider there is an issue of concern.

What Overview & Scrutiny does not do?

The committee is not a mechanism for the investigation of individual complaints; the Council has a separate process for this. It is also not able to look at individual planning or licensing decisions.

Work carried out during 2024/25



Scrutiny Working Groups

Working groups do much of the work of the committee by providing members with the opportunity to investigate issues in depth and recommend improvements through the gathering, and consideration, of evidence from a broad range of sources. This enables robust and effective challenge, as well as an increased likelihood of delivering outcomes. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports its recommendations to the Cabinet which then decides whether the recommendations will be accepted and acted upon, and if not, why not.

Funding review working group

This working group was established in September 2023 to examine the funding bid opportunities available to the council and the application process of these bids in an effort to make recommendations to aid in future successful bids.

The group met four times between September 2023 – October 2024 before agreeing to place the group on hold.

Given the groups consensus to provide regular feedback to Cabinet on the discoveries of the group, the below interim feedback and subsequent actions were produced.

In view of the feedback to members and the steps the Economic Development department had already taken regarding the government feedback, it was requested that all departments would review the lessons learnt and ensure the Council does not make the same mistakes in other areas for other bids. It was also agreed that future bids would need to undergo better consultation to ensure they were more robust and stood up to scrutiny.

Noting the uncertainty with how the new government might allocate funding, members felt that although more work needed to be done, the Funding Review Working Group should be placed on hold until the government had declared how the funding would be requested.

Future work of the group may include the following:

- Consulting with similar departments of other authorities who were successful
- Reviewing both successful and unsuccessful bids from neighbouring authorities, particularly where their first bid was unsuccessful and how their subsequent bid improved when successful
- Reviewing new governments policy on funding and how it is delivered and allocated to local government
- MP input and how they support bids
- Studying the success rate between political majorities

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommended that the Council:

- 1) Notes the update report and makes any comments, as necessary
- 2) Encourages all departments to review and record any lessons learnt to ensure the Council does not make the same mistakes with future bids
- 3) Encourages all departments to undertake more thorough consultation before sending in bids to ensure they are robust
- 4) Notes that the Funding Working Group be placed on hold until further clarity from the new government about the future funding frameworks is received

These recommendations were accepted at the Cabinet meeting on 13 February 2025.

Fly-Tipping, Litter & Waste Management working group

This working group has recently been agreed and will be kicking off in the coming weeks. An update of this will be given in the 2025/26 annual report.

Future Work Programme 2025/26

The committee has recently agreed a new work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. Key to developing the overview and scrutiny work programme is ensuring that the issues that really matter to local residents are reflected in the work for the year ahead.

Scrutiny of cabinet members will remain central to the work of the committee and working with external organisations will play an important part of the committees work as it looks to find improvements to important local issues.

The work programme will be considered at each committee to enable it to remain flexible and to respond to current issues. The committee will strive to continue to deliver an interesting, varied, and challenging work programme.



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny work programme

Date: 17 November 2025

Author: Democratic Services Manager

Purpose

To provide an update on the scrutiny work programme.

Recommendation(s)

That the overview and scrutiny committee:

- 1) Discusses the draft work programme and identifies any further areas for examination for the 2025/26 year.

1 Work programme

A draft programme was discussed at the last committee and an updated version has been attached as appendix 1.

As discussed at previous meetings, there will be future examination of the following areas which has been added into the programme:

- Partner performance
- Gedling Plan, performance priorities and projects
- Complaints update
- Welcome and warm spaces update.
- AI Policy update

The programme of portfolio holder attendance will continue, as will other standing items such as performance, and members are invited to put forward any additional ideas for inclusion in the work programme.

In terms of partner performance review, a list of potential partners to invite to the committee can be seen below:

- Calverton Core
- Enforcement Agents (Council Tax Bailiffs)
- Friends of Bestwood Country Park
- Friends of Breck Hill
- Friends of Gedling Country Park
- Hope Nottingham
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Rural Community Action Nottingham (RCAN)

2 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

3 Legal implications

There are no legal implication arising from this report.

4 Equalities implications

There are no equality implications arising from this report.

5 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability implications

There are no carbon reduction/environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft work programme for 25/26 year

| Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2025/26 | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Programme of portfolio holding to account | Performance review | Reports/items at committee | Current reviews/responses | Suggestions for partner performance reviews |
| 17 Nov 2025 | Cllr Jenny Hollingsworth (TBC) | | O&S Annual report | | Citizens Advice Bureau - (Confirmed) Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) – (Confirmed) |
| 12 Jan 2026 | Councillor Lynda Pearson (TBC) | Risk Management Update Q2 25/26 Gedling Plan Q2 25/26 | Complaints Update Carlton Town Board Update | Review of effectiveness of hybrid working | |
| 9 Mar 2026 | Councillor Henry Wheeler (TBC) | Risk Management Update Q3 25/26 Gedling Plan Q3 25/26 | Welcome and Warm Spaces Update | | |
| Gedling issues | | | Rural area links – public transport offerings AI Policy Update April/May 2026 | Review of Gedling Plan and performance priorities/projects Review of public parks | |

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