

# Agenda

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 12 October 2026**

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Time: **5.30 pm**

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Place: **Council Chamber**

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# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Membership

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| <b>Chair</b>      | Councillor Catherine Pope    |
| <b>Vice-Chair</b> | Councillor David Brocklebank |
|                   | Councillor Michael Adams     |
|                   | Councillor Roy Allan         |
|                   | Councillor Jim Creamer       |
|                   | Councillor Andrew Dunkin     |
|                   | Councillor Rachael Ellis     |
|                   | Councillor Roxanne Ellis     |
|                   | Councillor Darren Maltby     |
|                   | Councillor Ron McCrossen     |
|                   | Councillor Andrew Meads      |
|                   | Councillor Grahame Pope      |
|                   | Councillor Sam Smith         |

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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 27 July 2026**

Councillor Catherine Pope (Chair)

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| Councillor Roy Allan     | Councillor Ron McCrossen |
| Councillor Jim Creamer   | Councillor Andrew Meads  |
| Councillor Andrew Dunkin | Councillor Grahame Pope  |
| Councillor Rachael Ellis | Councillor Sam Smith     |
| Councillor Darren Maltby |                          |

Apologies for absence: Councillor David Brocklebank, Councillor Michael Adams and Councillor Roxanne Ellis

Officers in Attendance: M Avery, B Hopewell and E McGinlay

Guests in Attendance: Councillor Clarke

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adams, Brocklebank, and Roxanne Ellis.

### **2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2026.**

#### **RESOLVED:**

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

### **3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Nione.

### **4 PARTNERSHIP REVIEW - GEDLING COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (GCAN).**

The Chair welcomed Jules Sebelin (CEO) and Nikyla Manners, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator for the Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (CVS) to the committee as part of the Council's partnership review programme. Nikyla gave an overview on the key areas of their work with Gedling Community Action Network (GCAN), highlights of which were as follows:

Representatives provided an overview of the Gedling Community Action Network (GCAN), explaining that the project had been established to strengthen and support the voluntary and community sector across the Borough following the closure of the former local CVS. It was noted that the network had been developed through a co-produced approach involving local community organisations and had focused on volunteering, organisational development, partnership working and improving connectivity between local groups.

Members heard that the project had helped community groups access new opportunities, share expertise and increase applications for external funding. Examples were provided of organisations that had benefited from involvement in the network, including Gedling Play Forum and Work 'N' Diversity, both of which had used the network to establish partnerships and access support. It was also noted that community organisations within the Borough had become increasingly ambitious in pursuing funding opportunities and collaborative projects.

Representatives advised that although UK Shared Prosperity Fund funding had now concluded, Nottingham CVS remained committed to supporting the network and maintaining relationships with organisations across the Borough. Members heard that work was ongoing to strengthen relationships across Nottinghamshire and support community organisations through future changes arising from Local Government Reorganisation.

The Chair then gave Members the opportunity to ask questions.

Members queried how Gedling CAN was preparing for Local Government Reorganisation and how existing partnerships would be protected going forward.

Representatives advised that maintaining relationships and local connections remained a key priority and confirmed that support would continue through a combination of local engagement and wider partnership working across Nottinghamshire.

Members asked how councillors could direct community groups to access support from Gedling CAN.

Representatives agreed to share contact details and presentation materials with Members following the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To thank the representatives from Gedling Community Action Network for attending the meeting and the information provided.

Members welcomed Councillor John Clarke MBE, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Protection, Communications and Engagement to the meeting to examine his portfolios.

Councillor Clarke delivered a presentation providing an update on key areas within his portfolio, including communications, engagement, community safety and public protection.

It was noted that significant changes had been made to the Council's communications arrangements, including the creation of a single Communications and Engagement Team, the launch of Gedling Borough Council News and improvements to both resident and staff communications. Members also heard that engagement with the Council's digital channels had increased significantly and that usage of the Council's website had risen substantially following the launch of the new website.

Members heard that marketing activity had contributed to increased participation in Council services, including leisure centre memberships, swimming lessons and the garden waste subscription service. It was noted that these activities had supported both resident engagement and income generation.

The presentation also provided updates on community safety and public protection matters, including local policing priorities, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding, modern slavery, environmental enforcement and licensing activity. Members noted the ongoing work being undertaken in partnership with other agencies to address these issues.

Members also discussed the implications of Local Government Reorganisation. Councillor Clarke highlighted concerns regarding staffing capacity, timescales for implementation and the importance of maintaining service delivery throughout the transition period.

The Chair then gave Members the opportunity to ask questions.

Members queried how the success of the Council's communications campaigns was measured.

Councillor Clarke advised that additional information would be obtained from the relevant officers and circulated to Members following the meeting.

Members welcomed the increase in swimming lesson sign-ups and highlighted the importance of promoting water safety and swimming opportunities for residents.

Members asked whether the Garden Waste service generated a financial surplus.

Councillor Clarke advised that the service currently generated a surplus and agreed that detailed figures would be circulated following the meeting.

Members queried the effectiveness of Public Space Protection Orders and the evidence used to support their extension.

Officers advised that evidence had been considered through the Cabinet process and agreed that further information could be provided to Members following the meeting.

Members also discussed taxi licensing arrangements, including complaints against licensed drivers and the operation of the licensing system across different authorities.

Officers explained that complaints involving drivers licensed by another authority would be considered by the authority that issued the licence and noted ongoing discussions regarding the future of taxi licensing arrangements nationally.

During discussion, Members requested further information relating to social media demographic data, Garden Waste service income, Public Space Protection Orders, taxi licensing complaint data, scrap metal licensing arrangements, website analytics and council tax collection targets. Officers agreed to circulate responses to Members following the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

To thank Councillor Clarke for the information provided.

**6**

**GEDLING PLAN Q4 PERFORMANCE 2025/2026 REPORT.**

The Director of Place introduced the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing an update on performance against the Gedling Plan for Quarter 4 of 2025/26.

Members heard that performance continued to be monitored against the Council's annual delivery plan and that progress remained strong across a number of key areas. It was noted that a number of key milestones had been achieved during the reporting period, including the launch of the Council's new website, the introduction of additional financial support for households living with a terminally ill family member through the discretionary council tax reduction scheme, the successful implementation of a new online garden waste subscription system linked to the Council's CRM and waste management systems, and continued progress relating to the Greater Carlton regeneration programme. Members heard that the new garden waste subscription process formed part of wider service improvements and digital transformation work being undertaken across the Council.

Members noted that a number of performance indicators had either met or exceeded their targets during the reporting period, including performance relating to planning applications, housing standards and leisure services. Officers advised that actions were also being taken to address areas where performance had fallen below target, including housing benefits processing times and sickness absence.

Members discussed website usage statistics and the significant increase in website visits following the launch of the new website. Questions were raised regarding how website traffic was measured, the potential impact of artificial intelligence on future website usage and whether increased website traffic alone could be used as a measure of success. Officers advised that resident feedback on the new website had been positive and agreed to seek further clarification regarding how website visits generated through artificial intelligence searches were recorded.

Members discussed the Council's Building Control service following its transfer to the Erewash Building Control Partnership. Officers advised that a recent audit of the service had produced a positive outcome and confirmed that the audit report would be considered through the appropriate committee process. Members were also advised that a further update regarding the operation of the partnership could be provided.

Members raised concerns regarding the potential impact of Local Government Reorganisation on staffing capacity and future service delivery. Officers acknowledged the risks associated with staff attrition and advised that work was ongoing to consider how such risks could be managed throughout the transition period.

Questions were also raised regarding council tax collection targets and business rate collection targets. Officers advised that further information explaining the basis of the performance targets would be obtained and circulated to Members following the meeting.

**RESOLVED to:**

Note the report.

**7**

**CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REVIEW QUARTER 4 2025/26.**

The Director of Place introduced the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing an overview of the Council's Corporate Risk Register for Quarter 4 of 2025/26.

Members heard that there had been no significant changes to the number of corporate risks during the quarter. However, it was noted that the health and safety risk score had increased slightly, reflecting departmental concerns relating to engagement with occupational health

clinics, the reporting of near misses and investigations into accidents. It was further noted that the risk relating to contractual partnerships had increased as a result of capacity pressures within the procurement function. Officers advised that mitigation measures were being implemented, including recruitment to a newly created post.

The Chair then gave Members the opportunity to ask questions.

Members queried whether the increase in health and safety risks included emerging risks associated with higher temperatures and changing environmental conditions. Members also queried whether there was an increased risk of fire incidents arising from such changes.

Officers advised that environmental changes were a matter that would need to be considered going forward and noted that there was a growing risk of fire incidents, particularly in relation to climate change.

**RESOLVED to:**

Note the report.

**8**

**FLY TIPPING, LITTER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The Democratic Services Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting the final report and recommendations of the Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management working group, and to seek approval for its submission to Cabinet in September.

Members were advised that the report reflected the evidence gathered throughout the review and that the recommendations had been considered by the relevant officers to ensure that they were practical and deliverable. It was noted that the report before Members was the version intended for submission to Cabinet, should the Committee approve its recommendations.

The Chair then gave Members the opportunity to comment on the report.

Members welcomed the report and agreed that it reflected the evidence gathered throughout the review. During discussion, Members noted that dog fouling had been raised on a number of occasions during the review process and suggested that the communications recommendation should include a specific reference to dog fouling.

Members also discussed the recommendation relating to enforcement tools and CCTV. It was suggested that where recurring fly tipping hotspots were identified through repeated reports, a review should be undertaken to consider whether CCTV or other enforcement measures may be appropriate. Members acknowledged the operational, legal and

financial constraints associated with CCTV deployment and noted that any review would need to be undertaken in accordance with the Council's existing processes.

The Chair placed on record her thanks to all officers, external partners and Members who had contributed to the review. Particular thanks were extended to the officers supporting the working group for facilitating the meetings, preparing the report and recommendations, and managing the hybrid meeting arrangements throughout the review.

It was proposed and seconded that the report be approved subject to:

- the inclusion of a specific reference to dog fouling within Recommendation 1 (Communications); and
- the inclusion of wording within Recommendation 9 (Enforcement Tools/CCTV) relating to the review of recurring fly tipping hotspots for potential CCTV consideration through existing Council processes.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve the report and recommendations of the Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management Working Group, subject to the above amendments; and
- 2) Refer the report to Cabinet for consideration.

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**SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME.**

The Democratic Services Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing an update on the Committee's Scrutiny Work Programme.

Members noted the items currently scheduled for future meetings, including updates relating to Local Government Reorganisation, future Portfolio Holder Performance reviews and the Partnership Review Programme. It was also noted that the work programme now included details of when portfolio holders and partner organisations had last attended the Committee, providing Members with a helpful overview of previous scrutiny activity.

Members discussed whether the proposed review of hybrid working arrangements should remain a priority in light of the significant amount of work anticipated as part of Local Government Reorganisation. It was suggested that the item could be deprioritised at the present time.

Discussion also took place regarding the Committee's future role in relation to Local Government Reorganisation. Members expressed a desire to better understand how scrutiny would contribute to the transition process and requested that future updates help identify where key risks and workstreams would be considered by Members.

A number of potential future scrutiny topics were suggested by Members, including community and voluntary sector organisations, food banks, youth initiatives and the operation of car parking arrangements at Gedling Country Park. Members also requested that, where appropriate, future reports relating to Local Government Reorganisation provide clarity on the implications for Council services and residents.

**RESOLVED to:**

Note the report.

**10 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 7.28 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date:



## **Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject:** Programme of portfolio holder attendance

**Date:** 12 October 2026

**Author:** Democratic Services Manager

### **Purpose**

To consider the area of responsibility of Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing, 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. 2026/27 programme of portfolio holder attendance**

Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing will be attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine his areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor Henry Wheeler – Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing

- Leisure Centres.
- Sports Development and physical activity.
- Arts and culture, including Bonington theatre/cinema.
- Health promotion and development.
- Social prescribing partnerships.
- Loneliness and isolation.
- Mental health, including dementia support.

**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:** Responses to Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management working group recommendations

**Date:** 12 October 2026

**Author:** Democratic Services Manager

### **Wards Affected**

All

### **Purpose**

To present the response to the report and recommendations of the working group that considered the issues surrounding Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management across the borough.

### **Key Decision**

This is not a key decision

### **Recommendation(s)**

**To note the response to the report and recommendations of the working group, making comments where appropriate.**

## **1 Background**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a working group on 29 September 2025 to undertake a detailed review of fly tipping, litter management, and waste management across the Borough.

The review formed part of the Committee's work programme for 2025/26, with the intention of examining current service delivery, identifying challenges, and making recommendations to improve outcomes for residents.

Members agreed that the working group should focus on the following

areas:

- Fly tipping, litter collection, waste management and enforcement
- Waste collection services and operational performance – including implementation of the Whitespace system
- Public engagement and behavioural issues
- Partnership working with other organisations

The final report and recommendations from working group have been considered by Cabinet and a written response to the recommendations from the responsible Cabinet Member to the Overview Committee is required within 28 days of the date the review was presented to Cabinet.

## **2 Proposal**

Members are asked to note the response, attached at Appendix 1, and make any comments where appropriate.

## **3 Alternative Options**

None.

## **4 Financial Implications**

No direct financial implications have been identified in the report

## **5 Legal Implications**

No direct legal implications have been identified in the report.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

No specific equalities implications have been identified in the report, although in the case of this particular of scrutiny review the recommendations may contribute towards addressing inequalities.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

No direct Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications have been identified in the report.

## **8 Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Responses to Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management working group recommendations

## **9 Background Papers**

None identified

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## **Responses to Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management working group recommendations**

### **Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Title of the review: Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management working group

Date review completed: 27 July 2026

Date Presented to Cabinet: 3 September 2026

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Marje Paling

Chair of the review group: Councillor Catherine Pope

Officer supporting the review: Emma McGinlay & Ben Hopewell

Response due to the Overview Committee (28 days): 1 October 2026

#### **Guidance**

The final report and recommendations from the above review have been considered by Cabinet and a written response to the recommendations from the responsible Cabinet Member to the Overview Committee is required within 28 days of the date the review was presented to Cabinet.

### **Recommendation 1**

Communications - that the Council enhances public communications on:

- Recycling contamination, correct materials, and dangerous materials (Lithium batteries)
- Bulky waste and what constitutes fly tipping, including fly tips on private land
- Resident use of Household Waste Recycling Centres and expectations around waste separation
- Food waste collections ahead of implementation date
- Targeted local littering issues such as cigarette butts and incorrect disposal behaviours
- Residents' responsibilities under the Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations

(Please tick) Recommendation   Accepted ✓   Partly accepted ☐   Do not accept ☐

It was noted that positive work on this had already happened, which had reduced contamination rates, but support for further work was given. Communications to work with the relevant officers on relevant campaigns.

## Recommendation 2

Online Reporting - that the Council promotes the use of the online reporting system for fly tipping (including photo uploads) to improve reporting efficiency and enforcement outcomes.

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

This project was already underway to improve the reporting mechanism. Comms campaigned will help with promotion once completed.

## Recommendation 3

Hazardous Waste and Asbestos - the working group express concerns to the current procedure and delays to collections of hazardous waste and recommends that the Council:

- Considers introducing clear on-site signage or messaging for complex fly tipping cases (e.g. asbestos fly tipping) to explain delays and manage public expectations
- Works with the County Council to review current processes where appropriate, particularly in light of Local Government Reorganisation
- Reviews how communication could be clearer where hazardous waste cannot be removed immediately

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

The service area would review procedures to ensure safe systems of working are maintained and any relevant procedures or signage as required.

## Recommendation 4

WISE Enforcement Coverage - the working group recognises the positive aspects of the current contract and wishes to maintain appropriate scrutiny by recommending that the Council:

- Reviews the geographical spread of WISE enforcement activity to ensure appropriate coverage across all wards, including lower-density areas
- Monitors and reviews enforcement data on an ongoing basis

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

The monitoring of the contract and enforcement data is a regular occurrence, and we will encourage the enforcement activity to be spread as required.

### **Recommendation 5**

Intelligence Sharing - that the Council continues to strengthen intelligence sharing between enforcement and operational teams, particularly in relation to:

- Fly tipping hotspots
- Use of fly tipping capture data

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

We will ensure relevant intelligence is shared, as required and allowed by law, to ensure all teams are working with the most up to date knowledge.

### **Recommendation 6**

Member Engagement (Ward Walks) That the Council fosters Member-led ward engagement (e.g. ward walks with enforcement teams) in areas of concern with a focus on targeted hotspot areas rather than whole ward coverage.

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

We will look to introduce ward walks, at an agreed time between members and officers, as requested by members. The roll out of this will be where officer time permits.

### **Recommendation 7**

Community Litter Picking Groups - that the Council strengthens engagement and partnership with community litter

picking groups, by:

- Creating clearer reporting routes for organised litter picks
- Ensuring timely collection of gathered waste
- Exploring opportunities for joint activity with enforcement teams (WISE)
- Promoting, celebrating, and recognising the work of volunteer litter pickers
- Improving public awareness of litter picking activity (e.g. blue bags awaiting collection)
- Ensuring clearer communication of support available, including equipment, safe handling information, and guidance

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ✓      Partly Accepted ☐      Do not accept ☐

We are already undertaking work in this area and will continue to strengthen this relationship using the suggested actions. We would encourage councillors to organise litter picking groups within their own communities and to promote the initiative in Full Council.

### **Recommendation 8**

Education and Behaviour Change - that the Council supports increased educational engagement on fly tipping litter and waste management, including:

- Work with schools on littering and environmental crime
- Public awareness campaigns aligned with national messaging
- Use of operational data to guide service deployment
- A stronger focus on locally relevant issues (e.g. cigarette butts, battery disposal, littering behaviours within the Borough)

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ✓      Partly Accepted ☐      Do not accept ☐

We will work with relevant departments in the council to influence a change in behaviour and education.

### **Recommendation 9**

Enforcement Tools / CCTV - the working group acknowledges the financial, legal and resource constraints of using additional enforcement tools and recommends that the Council:

- Reviews whether additional enforcement tools (e.g. enhanced technology such as CCTV) could be utilised, subject to cost
- Focuses on targeted use in identified hotspot areas with regular fly tipping and graffiti
- Considers introducing a process whereby persistent fly-tipping hotspots, evidenced through repeated reports and intelligence, trigger a formal review to determine whether the deployment of CCTV or other enforcement tools would be appropriate and operationally feasible
- Considers future opportunities for collaboration through Local Government Reorganisation

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☐      Partly Accepted ✓      Do not accept ☐

The financial, resources and legal constraints make this area harder to change in the short term but we will complete a review of working practices and opportunities in line with Local Government Reorganisation work.

### **Recommendation 10**

National Policy and Partnership Working - that the Council:

- Keeps under review the impact of national waste policy changes (including the Emissions Trading Scheme, Deposit Return Scheme and Extended Producer Responsibility)
- Works in partnership with the Waste Disposal Authority and other councils
- Reviews and works collaboratively with national organisations such as APSE or LGA on best practice and guidance
- Considers implications in the context of Local Government Reorganisation and longer-term planning
- Focuses on ongoing monitoring and reviews rather than immediate implementation

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

We will continue to work in collaborate with our partners and other organisations to ensure we are working to the best of our ability within agreed and up to date procedures. We will ensure that we adhere to national changes and consider how Local Government Reorganisation can benefit the service we provide.

### **Recommendation 11**

Transformation of Waste Services - that the Council recognises the achievements of the Waste Services, Customers Services and Transformation teams in implementing the Whitespace system, which had enabled improved data collection, enhanced service monitoring, and more informed operational decision-making.

(Please tick) Recommendation Accepted ☒ Partly Accepted ☐ Do not accept ☐

We want to place our sincere thanks on record to all of the staff who have had a part in the transformation of Waste Services over the past 2 years. The teams have shown exemplary collaborative working through the implementation of Whitespace and have had a great impact on how we deliver our services. Thank you to the entire waste service, the customer services team and the transformation team.

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## **Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject:** Scrutiny work programme

**Date:** 12 October 2026

**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 2026/27 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
- Welcome and warm spaces update.
- AI Policy update
- Review of public parks

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:

| <b>Organisation</b>                            | <b>Last attended</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Calverton Core                                 | N/A                  |
| Enforcement Agents (Council Tax Bailiffs)      | N/A                  |
| Friends of Bestwood Country Park               | N/A                  |
| Friends of Breck Hill                          | N/A                  |
| Friends of Gedling Country Park                | N/A                  |
| Hope Nottingham                                | N/A                  |
| Nottinghamshire County Council                 | N/A                  |
| Rural Community Action Nottingham (RCAN)       | N/A                  |
| WISE                                           | N/A                  |
| Gedling Community Action Network (GCAN)        | 27 July 2026         |
| Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)                   | 17 November 2025     |
| Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)         | 17 November 2025     |
| Nottingham City Council Housing Dept           | 10 March 2025        |
| Jigsaw Homes                                   | 13 January 2025      |
| Gedling Play Forum                             | 18 November 2024     |
| South Nottinghamshire Placed Based Partnership | 30 September 2024    |
| Phenomenal Futures (Formerly We Are Here)      | 23 March 2023        |

## **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 26/27 year

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2026/27

|                         | Programme of portfolio holding to account | Performance review                                           | Reports/items at committee                                                                | Current reviews/responses                                                                                                                 | Suggestions for partner performance reviews |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>12 October 2026</b>  | Councillor Henry Wheeler (CONFIRMED)      |                                                              | Verbal update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)                                    | Response to the Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management Recommendations                                                                  |                                             |
| <b>16 November 2026</b> | Councillor Kathryn Fox (CONFIRMED)        | Risk Management Update Q1 26/27<br><br>Gedling Plan Q1 26/27 | Carbon Management and Action Plan update<br><br>AI Policy Update<br><br>O&S Annual Report |                                                                                                                                           | Hope Nottingham (CONFIRMED)                 |
| <b>18 January 2027</b>  | Councillor Marje Paling (CONFIRMED)       | Risk Management Update Q2 26/27<br><br>Gedling Plan Q2 26/27 | Update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)                                           |                                                                                                                                           | Phenomenal Futures (CONFIRMED)              |
| <b>15 March 2027</b>    | Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne (TBC)      | Risk Management Update Q3 26/27<br><br>Gedling Plan Q3 26/27 |                                                                                           | Update on Fly Tipping, Litter and Waste Management Recommendations                                                                        | Friends of Gedling Country Park (CONFIRMED) |
| <b>Rolling issues</b>   |                                           |                                                              | Rural area links – public transport offerings<br><br>Welcome and Warm Spaces Update       | Review of Gedling Plan and performance priorities/projects<br><br>Review of public parks<br><br>Review of effectiveness of hybrid working |                                             |

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