

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work programme 2018/19

Potential Issues Identified for Scrutiny

1	Waste management and recycling rates How do we promote the benefits of recycling and encourage an increase in the quantity of the materials we recycle. Gedling as a waste collection authority works in close partnership with the County Council the waste disposal authority who are working towards a recycling/composting target of 52% by 2020. Gedling recycled 37% of it waste 2016/17, this compares with 50% by Rushcliffe Borough Council and 21% by Bassetlaw District Council
2	Homelessness. The effects of the Homelessness Reduction Act. What do is GBC do for young people who have to leave the family home. To better understand: who is presenting as homeless, what is the breakdown of housing need, what factors are being account for planning purposes? What are GBC policies for preventing homelessness? Once these are known can GBC do more to prevent homelessness?
3	Gedling Homes Including how effectively do they provide affordable housing, provision for the less able and for young people. Are they prepared for the introduction of Universal Credit and what provision will be made for people who get into difficulties and face possible eviction?
4	Universal Credit Are we ready?
5	Poverty and deprivation in the Borough 14.9% of Children in Gedling aged 0-15 yrs. are living in poverty 4% of the population live in top 10% of national most deprived areas. Nottinghamshire Insight, Gedling District profile. http://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/libraries/profile-library/district-profile-gedling/ How effective is Gedling Borough Council and its partners in addressing poverty and what effect does poverty have on the life chances of young people in the Borough ?
6	Improving relationships with Parish Councils How well do we work with Parish Councils, how could the relationships be strengthened?

7	<p>Equality issues relating to access to meetings</p> <p>We have a duty to ensure that all people have access to council meetings, access can mean many things not just visual, hearing and mobility considerations Could the authority do more to make meetings more accessible to the public?</p>
8	<p>Working with partners.</p> <p>Partnership working is increasingly becoming central to the work of local authorities. It was increasingly bringing public, private and voluntary sectors together. Who are our partners, what do they do, do the relationships work well and are there any that do not work?</p>
9	<p>Living well beyond retirement.</p> <p>What does GBC and other partners do to support this including housing, leisure and health provision?</p>
10	<p>Digitalisation and paperless working</p> <p>Is it feasible to move the Council, including Councillors, to becoming a paperless organisation?</p>
11	<p>Performance monitoring, Is there a better way to do this.</p> <p>Currently the Committee receives a quarterly briefing from the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services.. Details of current performance are available on the website and a report detailing progress towards actions and indicators in the Gedling Plan and highlighting achievements. Is there a better way to do this that enables the Committee to focus on issues of concern.</p>
12	<p>Member Induction</p> <p>How can this be improved?</p>
13	<p>What efforts are being taken to bring empty buildings back into use for housing, employment and community projects?</p>
14	<p>Cycle paths</p> <p>Where are they, are they used, should there be more?</p>
15	<p>Community Safety – health and wellbeing of young people</p> <p>Following the recent knife attacks and antisocial behaviour in Arnold examination of how the Council is seeking to tackle this, reduce risk, deliver interventions and create a safer environment for young people?</p>

	<p>This could include looking at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What activities for young people are provided by GBC and the County Council and voluntary organisation • Antisocial behaviour reduction initiatives by the police, Youth Offending Teams and GBC Public Protection • What schools are doing? <p>Members of the Youth Council could be invited to either be part of the working group or be asked to submit information to this review.</p>
16	<p>Sickness rates amongst staff.</p> <p>The figure for this performance is continually well above target. Efficiency of services is affected when staff are absent and could lead to higher service complaints. What is being done and what other measures can be taken to reduce absence rates?</p>
17	<p>Community involvement in parks and leisure centres.</p> <p>What is the current level of community involvement in GBC parks and leisure centres? What do residents want from their local parks and leisure centres. What innovative practices in the delivery of park services are used and how effective how effective park and resident forums and could the introduction of similar groups for leisure centres increase use?</p>
18	<p>Procurement procedures.</p> <p>Are GBC achieving best practice in procurement and optimum results for out sourced services and goods? This can include an investigation into the tendering process, how Service Level Agreements are reached and how other Ts and Cs are framed and then monitored for quality assurance. Are contractors set targets, held accountable and sign up to a payback clause if these are not attained?</p>
19	<p>Rolleston Drive, what is happening?</p> <p>This would require an information item in the agenda before a decision could be taken as to proceed with a review.</p>
20	<p>Obesity</p> <p>Revisit the earlier Obesity Review, what initiatives are being taken to support the Childhood Obesity Plan?</p>