

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on information requested at the September committee and the 2019/20 programme of scrutiny reviews.

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Consider and comment on the information updates and decide if further information is required
- Discuss the progress of the scrutiny working groups
- Consider including flooding in the work programme forward plan
- Note the work programme forward plan.

2. INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE

I. FLY TIPPING AND USE OF COVER CCTV AT GRAVELLY HOLLOWS

27 logged fly tip jobs + 3 jobs put on as fly tipping regarding animal waste in the woods. Land owner paid for removal and disposal also 2 burnt out vehicles, one in the woods (forestry) and one on farmers land (private). January 2019 until December 2019

One camera (police camera) on Gravelly from 21st Nov through to 25th Nov. Nothing seen. Struggled to find a good position for the cameras due to conditions. Areas in question are too open to put cameras up. They could be easily seen and possibly stolen so nothing planned at the moment for installing any more.

Kevin Nealon,
Community Protection and Pollution Control Manager,
Public Protection Service

Gravelly hollow is a hot spot area for fly tipping of which we try to carry out regular daily patrols.

There has not been anything major along here for a few weeks. If we find anything on the road while on patrol we will check it out to see if there is any evidence we can use. We will then pass it onto PASC to arrange for it to be cleared. If there is anything dumped in the woods or off the highway then we will pass it onto the Forestry Commission to remove as this is their responsibility to get it removed.

I have put up a camera a few weeks ago over a weekend period and did not spot anything of any consequence. Because of the time of year we are at we will be struggling to put any cameras up at the moment as they could be easily spotted by either fly tippers or innocent walkers.

John Murphy
Senior Neighbourhood Warden
Public Protection Service

II. GEDLING HOMES

Members asked for information regarding the replacement of homes under the Gedling Homes 'Right to Buy' scheme.

As part of the VRTB scheme, properties sold during the pilot are to be replaced on a one for one basis. Gedling Homes is currently looking for development opportunities to achieve this and the pilot guidance allows up to 3 years for replacement units to be delivered.

Mike Murphy
Assistant Director of Income and Leasehold

III. REPORTS AND NOTICES

At the last committee there was a discussion regarding one of the contracts in the Reports and Notices report. Additional information relating to this contract was circulated. Should members require additional information regarding any of the items in the Reports and Notices Report the Democratic Services Officer will have a copy of the full report available for members at the committee. If members require additional information this will be obtained and circulated to committee members after the meeting.

3. SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

Executive-Scrutiny protocol.

Working group members: Councillors Clunie, Paling, Lawrence and Boyle

A draft protocol has been developed and this will be available for members at the next meeting of the committee.

Economic Development

Working group members: Councillors Clunie Boyle, Ellis, S Smith, M Smith.

Members are considering what additional economic and social benefits need to be taken into consideration when purchasing land or property under Strand 3 of the Commercial Property Strategy. Currently using a range of data, they are considering three hypothetical sites to assist them when developing criteria

Housing Allocations Policy

The Council has been leading on the refresh of the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy covering Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe. In addition it will shortly be undertaking a full 12 week consultation on its Housing Allocation Policy which sets out the rules for how we allocate social housing,. A date for the start of the consultation has yet to be confirmed.

Councillors S Smith, Hope and Paling have agreed to be part of the working group and members are invited to be included in this piece of work.

Flooding

In response to the recent problems some areas of the borough have experienced due to flooding, members may want to consider if this is an issue they would like to include in the future work programme. This could involve contacting relevant officers to find out what plans are in place to mitigate future flooding risk, examining local and national plans and strategies that underpin flooding responses and assessing what assistance is available for residents affected by flooding.

4. SCRUTINY IN COMMITTEE

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on July 15th, 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 will be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members will also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

The programme for 2019/20 is below:

January 20th	Councillor V McCrossen and Gregory
March 9th	Councillors Hollingsworth and P Barnes
April 27th	Councillors Clarke and Payne

The scrutiny work programme is attached at **Appendix 1**.

A copy of the Forward Plan which sets out details of key and non-key decisions which the Cabinet, individual portfolio holders or officers expect to take during the next four month period is attached at **Appendix 2**. A key decision is one that has financial implication over £500,000 or one that affects two or more wards. This is included to make members aware of planned decisions and to

assist them to consider if there are any decisions about which they may want further information.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny work programme

Appendix 2: Forward Plan