

GROWTH, RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIESSCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
16 JULY 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

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REVIEW OF 2023/2024 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers relevant items which were presented to the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee during 2023/2024 and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary. 2. Notes the Recommendations Monitoring Report attached at Appendix 1 and considers if further monitoring of the relevant recommendations made by the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee during 2023/2024 municipal year is required. 3. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 2. 4. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions attached at Appendix 3 and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 4, Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Legal and Governance and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To provide the committee with a review of the work undertaken by the Committee during 2023/2024 and to consider if further monitoring of these items is required.

2.2 This report is for the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraphs 2.1, and paragraph 3, Specific Role of Overview and Scrutiny, sub paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.8.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 This report will provide a review for the 2023/2024 Municipal year and detail progress made on actions and recommendations.

4.2 During 2023/2024 the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following items:

- **Station Quarter Redevelopment update**
 - Recommendation made: The Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee recommended that this council via their individual group leaders, select councillors who are passionate about and have knowledge of various disability issues, to be a part of an active consulting group working with those planning the Station Quarter. Also working alongside with various other recognised disability groups within Peterborough.
- **Passenger Transport**
- **Sales, Fees and Charges Review**
- **Update on People and Culture Programme**
- **Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel Report**
- **Locality Asset Review**
 - Recommendation made: The Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee recommended that Item 12. Locality Asset Review – Update be deferred to allow Officers to revisit EXEMPT Appendix 1 – Locality Asset Review Summary and provide a public version of the appendix, with explanations provided if any information was to remain EXEMPT.
- **Housing Strategy**
- **Report on Growth and Regeneration development prospectus**
- **Corporate Performance Report**
- **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licencing Policy Review/Review Road layouts (Motion from Cllr Hussain)**
- **Locality Asset Review – Second Report**
 - Recommendation made: The Growth, Resources and Communities scrutiny recommended to Cabinet that Officers: Explore ways of engaging a larger number of Councillors in the process of reviewing the Council's assets, as soon as possible and ensure that ward Councillors are updated on matters that relate to their ward.
 - Recommendation made: The Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee recommended to Cabinet that they ask for a commitment from the Thomas Deacon Education Trust to provide community out of hours provisions at the Walton Community Centre, should they purchase the site.
- **Domestic Abuse and Guidance/ White Ribbon Pledge**
- **Cabinet Member Portfolio Update Report: Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance**
- **Cabinet Member Portfolio Update Report and Highways Annual Report: Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change**
- **Cabinet Member Portfolio Update Report: Cabinet Member for Housing, Growth and Regeneration**
 - Recommendation made: That the Growth, Resources and Communities recommended that disposable income in real terms is considered in the economic development strategy.

4.2 Call-in

There were no call-ins presented to the Committee in the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

4.3 **Joint Committees**

The Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee attended the following joint meetings:

- Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees: Draft Budget 2024/2025 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024/2027

4.4 **Task and Finish Groups**

The Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee commissioned no Task and Finish Groups in 2023/2024.

4.6 **Recommendations made**

A list of recommendations made during the year and the responses are attached at Appendix 1 for consideration.

5. **WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

5.1 In preparing a work programme for 2023/2024, the Committee is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 3 - Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and Terms of Reference, paragraph 2.1 item 4.

5.2 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for scrutiny at the Annual Work Programming meeting held on 18 June 2024 is attached at Appendix 2 for consideration and approval.

6. **CONSULTATION**

6.1 Officers who worked on the reports for 2023/2024 were asked to contribute to this report.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 To ensure the Scrutiny Committee fulfils the requirements as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 3.

8. **IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

8.2 **Legal Implications**

A review of last year's priorities, acting upon lessons learnt and continuous improvement and approval of the coming year's Scrutiny priorities providing a planned and focussed approach to the work of Scrutiny, is in keeping with good governance.

8.3 **Equalities Implications**

None.

8.4 **Rural Implications**

None.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 9.1 Minutes of the meetings of the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee held on: 18 July 2023, 14 September 2023, 23 October 2023 (Extraordinary), 14 November 2023, 30 January 2024 and 19 March 2024.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Recommendations made by the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee during 2023/2024
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2024/2025
Appendix 3 – Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions