

Report to Cabinet
10 July 2019
Report of Director of business services
Subject Scrutiny committee recommendations

Item

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Purpose

To consider the recommendations from the scrutiny committees held on 30 May 2019 and 20 June 2019.

Recommendation

To consider the following recommendation in relation to the Norwich economic strategy:

How can Norwich transition to a carbon neutral economy.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet all the corporate priorities.

Financial implications

None

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Kendrick - Resources

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

1. The council's scrutiny committee is constituted of councillors who do not sit on cabinet. They are expected to review/scrutinise and oversee decisions made by cabinet. They can 'call in', for reconsideration, decisions made by cabinet or an officer which have not yet been implemented. The main functions of scrutiny are to hold cabinet to account by examining their proposals; evaluating policies, performance and progress; ensuring consultations, where necessary, have been carried out; and highlighting areas for improvement.
2. The committee makes recommendations for cabinet, the wider council and other stakeholders based on evidence on the issues scrutinised at their meetings.
3. At the meeting held on 30 May 2019:
 - a) The committee appointed Councillor Roger Ryan as the vice chair of the scrutiny committee for the ensuing civic year.
 - b) The committee also appointed Councillor Jane Sarmezey as the representative on the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Matthew Fulton-McAlister as the substitute) and Councillor Roger Ryan as the representative on the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny sub-panel (Councillor Adam Giles as the substitute.)
4. The committee considered items to be included on the scrutiny work programme for the upcoming year and made the following resolutions:

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) ask the scrutiny liaison officer to add the following items to the scrutiny committee work programme 2019-20:
 - a) Norwich economic strategy (June)
 - b) Practical steps to improve air quality in Norwich and climate change update (July)
 - c) Transforming cities fund (September)
 - d) Young people and austerity (November)
 - e) New Anglia LEP (December)
 - f) Climate mitigation and the Environmental Strategy(January)
 - g) Pre-scrutiny of the budget 2020-21
 - h) Universal Basic Income select committee report and annual review of the scrutiny committee (March)

(2) Consider at the June meeting of the committee the formation of select committees covering the following topics:

- a) Universal basic income
- b) Anti-social behaviour including fly tipping and city council processes
- c) Climate change

5. At the meeting held on 20 June 2019, the following topics were considered and the below recommendations made accordingly.

The committee considered the following reports:

- Scrutiny committee work programme 2019-20
- Norwich Economic strategy
- Call-in: The award of a contract for legal services

Scrutiny committee work programme

It was **RESOLVED** to:

(1) form two select committees as follows:

- a) anti-social behaviour including fly tipping and city council processes;
and
- b) the growth of short term letting in Norwich with input from the Independent Hoteliers Group

(2) ask the chair to seek an update from cabinet on the establishment of a climate and environment scrutiny committee;

(3) ask the scrutiny liaison officer to amend the annual work programme as follows:

- a) change the title of the November discussion item, Young people and austerity to Young People and Wellbeing;
- b) move the item Practical steps to improve air quality in Norwich and climate change update from the scrutiny meeting in July to the meeting on 19 September 2019;
- c) move the item Transforming cities fund from the September meeting of scrutiny to the meeting on 18 July 2019;
- d) add a standing item on questions relating to the quarterly performance indicators; and

- (4) ask democratic services to arrange an all member briefing on Universal Basic Income before the meeting of scrutiny on 19 March 2020.

Norwich economic strategy

Members considered the Norwich economic strategy and discussed the following:

- The number of responses received from businesses on the draft economic strategy;
- Promoting the city locally and globally;
- The role of transport within economic development;
- The impact of major investment to Norwich and how this can be measured;
- Climate change, the role and establishment of a climate and environment scrutiny committee and the draft environmental strategy

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) endorse the economic strategy; and
- (2) ask cabinet to consider the following recommendation in relation to the economic strategy; how can Norwich transition to a carbon neutral economy.

Call-in: The award of a contract for legal services

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to take no further action with regards to the award of a contract from legal services.

Integrated impact assessment



NORWICH
City Council

Report author to complete

Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	10 July 2019
Director / Head of service	Anton Bull
Report subject:	Scrutiny Committee Recommendations
Date assessed:	26 June 2019
Description:	A summary of scrutiny committee discussions and recommendations from 20 June 2019

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment

Positive

Negative

Neutral

Issues