

**Report to** Cabinet  
13 November 2019  
**Report of** Director of resources  
**Subject** Scrutiny committee recommendations

**Item**

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**Purpose**

To consider the recommendations from the scrutiny committee meetings held on 19 September and 17 October 2019.

**Recommendation**

To ask cabinet to consider the recommendations made at the meetings of scrutiny.

**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. The following is a summary of the topics the committee has considered with the recommendations that were made accordingly.
4. 19 September: Practical steps to improve air quality in Norwich and climate change update

The committee considered the following reports:

- Scrutiny committee work programme 2019-20, attached appendix one.
  - Norfolk health and overview scrutiny committee
  - Air quality and transport
5. During consideration of the item on air quality and transport the head of city development services, the public protection officer, the transport planner, Norwich City Council and Jeremy Wiggin, Transport for Norwich Manager, Norfolk County Council answered questions from members.
  6. A number of draft recommendations were tabled and subsequently resolved at committee on the 17 October. It was agreed that a further report would be presented to members which focussed on:
    - What the council was currently doing around climate mitigation
    - What powers the council had to mitigate climate change
    - What powers could the council ask central government for to make a difference locally.
  7. 17 October: Mitigating climate change and a call-in of the item resolved at cabinet on 9 October the Airport Masterplan.

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- Norfolk health and overview scrutiny committee
- Mitigating climate change
- Call-in of the Airport Masterplan

8. The head of city development services, environmental strategy manager Norwich City Council and the Transport for Norwich Manager Norfolk County Council answered questions from members. The Transforming Cities fund joint committee report was appended for members. A representative from Public Health, tabled a short report and took questions on public health aspects of air quality.
9. It was **RESOLVED** to:
  - 1) Ask cabinet to consider recommending the extension of the monitoring zone from Castle Meadow to include St Stephens Street and initially make this a minimum Euro 5 standard compliant.
  - 2) Ask cabinet to consider extending the preferential rate enjoyed by the council to members of staff who may wish to purchase an electric vehicle or bike.
  - 3) Work with county to consider whether it could incorporate standard clauses into section 106 agreements to fund school travel plan work.
  - 4) Ask the county council as the highways agency to consider developing bespoke responses to traffic issues in each area depending on local need.
  - 5) Ask cabinet to consider ways of reducing background levels of air pollution across the network area; including ensuring that pollution is not displaced to areas outside of the city centre and increasing monitoring in areas not identified as 'hotspots' once appropriate resources have been secured.
  - 6) Ask cabinet and the Highways Agency to explore options on how to reduce single occupancy vehicles travelling into the city; and
  - 7) To ask CEEEP to consider conducting a review of Norwich City Council policies to ensure appropriate tree planting across the city.
10. At the call-in of the Airport Masterplan member questions were answered by the director of regeneration and development and the cabinet member for sustainable and inclusive growth attended for the item.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) Not refer the matter back to cabinet and allow the decision to stand.
- (2) To ask cabinet when the airport masterplan is reviewed to consider requesting that it incorporate a carbon reduction plan.
- (3) To consider including as part of the 2040 City Vision work an analysis of the wider impact of jobs on the economy when these are in sectors which impact adversely on climate change.

## Integrated impact assessment



**NORWICH**  
City Council

### Report author to complete

<b>Committee:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Committee date:</b>	13 November
<b>Director / Head of service</b>	Anton Bull
<b>Report subject:</b>	Scrutiny Committee Recommendations
<b>Date assessed:</b>	1 November 2019
<b>Description:</b>	A summary of scrutiny committee discussions and recommendations from 19 September and 17 October 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**

## Annual work programme planning grid (updated 30 October 2019)

Date of meeting	Item
Thursday at 16.30	
2019	
20 June	Work programme Norwich economic strategy
18 July	Work programme Transforming cities fund
19 September	Work programme Practical steps to improve air quality in Norwich and climate change update Report back from NHOSC meeting from 30 May and 25 July
17 October	Work programme Climate mitigation and transforming cities fund Report back from NHOSC meeting from 5 September
14 November  <b>Meeting to be held at Stage 2, Theatre Street, Norwich</b>	Work programme Young people and wellbeing, Report back from NHOSC meeting from 10 October Report back from Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny sub panel from 28 October
12 December  <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>  <b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>	Work programme Report back from NHOSC meeting from 28 November New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Corporate plan and performance framework Equality information report



2020	
16 January	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Visit from Lorne Green, Police and Crime Commissioner and District Senior Police Officer, lines of questions to be tabled in advance.</p>
6 February	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Pre-scrutiny of the budget 2020/21</p> <p>Report back from NHOSC meeting from 23 January</p>
19 March	<p>Work programme</p> <p>Universal Basic Income select committee report. <i>briefing on this topic 11 November, Council Chamber 5.30pm.</i></p> <p>Annual review of the scrutiny committee</p>

Unallocated;

Report back from the select committees for;

- Anti-social behaviour including fly tipping and city council processes.
- The growth of short term lettings of homes in Norwich with input from the Independent Hoteliers Group.