

#### **Scrutiny committee**

Date: Thursday, 18 July 2019

Time: 16:30

Venue: Mancroft room, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich, NR2 1NH

#### All group pre-meeting briefing – 16:00 Mancroft Room

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- T is this, the right **TIME** to review the issue and is there sufficient officer time and resource available?
- **O** what would be the **OBJECTIVE** of the scrutiny?
- P can **PERFORMANCE** in this area be improved by scrutiny input?
- what would be the public **INTEREST** in placing this topic onto the work programme?
- will any scrutiny activity on this matter contribute to the council's activities as agreed to in the **CORPORATE PLAN**?

Once the TOPIC analysis has been undertaken, a joint decision should then be reached as to whether a report to the scrutiny committee is required. If it is decided that a report is not required, the issue will not be pursued any further. However, if there are outstanding issues, these could be picked up by agreeing that a briefing email to members be sent, or other appropriate action by the relevant officer.

If it is agreed that the scrutiny request topic should be explored further by the scrutiny committee a short report should be written for a future meeting of the scrutiny committee, to be taken under the standing work programme item, so that members are able to consider if they should place the item on to the work programme. This report should outline a suggested approach if the committee was minded to take on the topic and outline the purpose using the outcome of the consideration of the topic via the TOPIC analysis. Also the report should provide an overview of the current position with regard to the topic under consideration.

By using the flowchart, it is hoped that members and officers will be aided when giving consideration to whether or not the item should be added to the scrutiny committee work programme. This should help to ensure that the scope and purpose will be covered by any future report. The outcome of this should further assist the committee and the officers working with the committee to be able to produce informed outcomes that are credible, influential with SMART recommendations.

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## Scrutiny committee and a protocol for those attending meetings of the scrutiny committee

- All scrutiny committee meetings will be carried out in a spirit of mutual trust and respect
- Members of the scrutiny committee will not be subject to whipping arrangements by party groups
- Scrutiny committee members will work together and will attempt to achieve evidence based consensus and recommendations
- Members of the committee will take the lead in the selection of topics for scrutiny
- The scrutiny committee operates as a critical friend and offers constructive challenge to decision makers to support improved outcomes
- Invited attendees will be advised of the time, date and location of the meeting to which they are invited to give evidence
- The invited attendee will be made aware of the reasons for the invitation and of any documents and information that the committee wish them to provide
- Reasonable notice will be given to the invited attendee of all of the committees requirements so that these can be provided for in full at the earliest opportunity (there should be no nasty surprises at committee)
- Whenever possible it is expected that members of the scrutiny committee will share and plan questioning with the rest of the committee in advance of the meeting
- The invited attendee will be provided with copies of **all relevant** reports, papers and background information
- Practical arrangements, such as facilities for presentations will be in place.
   The layout of the meeting room will be appropriate
- The chair of the committee will introduce themselves to the invited attendee before evidence is given and; all those attending will be treated with courtesy and respect. The chair of the committee will make sure that all questions put to the witness are made in a clear and orderly manner



**MINUTES** 

#### **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

16:30 to 18:40 20 June 2019

Present: Councillors Wright (chair), Ryan (vice chair), Brociek-Coulton

(substitute for Councillor McCartney-Gray), Carlo, Driver (substitute for Councillor Fulton-McAlister (M)), Giles, Grahame, Manning, Maxwell (substitute for Councillor Sands (S)), Oliver, Osborn and

Sarmezey

Apologies: Councillors Fulton-McAlister (M), McCartney-Gray, Sands (S) and

Thomas (Vi)

#### 1. Public questions/petitions

There were no public questions or petitions.

#### 2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Minutes

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2019.

#### 4. Scrutiny committee work programme for 2019-20

The strategy manager presented the report. Members considered which topics to choose for the formation of select committees. It was noted that there would be an all member briefing on Universal Basic Income prior to March 2020 when it was scheduled to be on the work programme. The chair said he would seek an update from cabinet regarding the establishment of a climate and environment scrutiny committee as detailed in the corporate plan and agreed at the meeting of council on 26 February 2019.

Members discussed the item on the work programme for November, Young People and austerity and it was agreed to broaden the item to include mental health and austerity under the title of Young People and Wellbeing.

The strategy manager confirmed that Jeremy Wiggins, Norwich Area Transport Strategy, city agency manager would attend scrutiny committee for the meetings on 18 July 2019 and 19 September 2019.

In response to a member question the strategy manager said that a report on the council's performance was taken to cabinet quarterly which offered an opportunity to call in and scrutinise any particular area of performance if members wished. It was agreed to add a standing item to the scrutiny work programme on questions relating to the quarterly performance indicators which would to be tabled in advance of the meeting to enable officers to respond.

#### **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) form two select committees as follows:
  - a) anti-social behaviour including fly tipping and city council processes;
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - 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.

#### 5. Norwich Economic strategy 2019-2024

(Councillor Waters, the director of regeneration and development and the economic development officer attended for this item)

The economic development officer presented the report. She highlighted that the risk of doing nothing was that the economy of the city would decline. She noted that Exeter a city council which was compared with Norwich and one that Norwich was

ahead of five years ago was now out performing Norwich on a number of key indicators. In response to a member question she said that Exeter had received government investment into digital infrastructure and that a number of government organisations had relocated there. Discussion ensued regarding central government investment as a driver for economic change.

A member expressed disappointment at the small number of responses received from businesses during the consultation on the draft economic strategy and was concerned that those who had responded had a disproportionate influence on the strategy. The economic development officer said feedback from businesses on the strategy was also received at the leader's business reception. The strategy was changed to reflect feedback but the emphasis of the strategy had remained the same. Negative feedback received from some small businesses was in relation to the living wage and financial constraints were sighted.

In response to a member question the director of regeneration and development said where the criteria were met a bid was submitted for government contracts, funding or relocation of departments. The city council worked with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to promote sites in Norwich on a national scale, this was one of the priorities set out in the greater Norwich city deal. He noted that government research institutions for health and food had moved to the city. The director of customers and culture said that as part of the 2040 city vision, the city council worked with businesses to develop promotional materials to attract other businesses to the city.

Members discussed the role of transport within economic development. A member said that the growth of transport needed to be decoupled from economic growth and noted that the building of roads resulted in businesses moving out of the city to locations which could only be accessed by car. The director of regeneration and development said investment into roads was only one aspect of transport development. The Transforming Cities project looked at moving people onto public transport on key routes and expanding the take up of cycling and walking. The economic development officer said that 30,000 people commuted into Norwich to work daily and many lived in rural area with no access to public transport.

A member asked if it was possible to assess the impact of major investment into the city and how the benefit to the city was measured. The director of regeneration and development said investment opportunities were assessed against a number of criteria including jobs, business rates, supply chain and training opportunities. Most growth in Norwich was from indigenous business and it was important to support the growth of start up businesses. The city council worked in partnership with the LEP and private developers to encourage them to provide development opportunities.

(Councillor Manning left the meeting at this point)

A member said that whilst climate change was mentioned in the forward to the economic strategy a specific objective on how to move to a low carbon economy could be included. Councillor Waters said that it was a significant ambition of the LEP to move to a low carbon economy for the area and that the city council could not implement this unilaterally. Debate ensued on climate change, the role and establishment of a climate and environment scrutiny committee and the draft

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environmental strategy. Councillor Osborn tabled a recommendation which was circulated at the meeting.

#### **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.

#### 6. Exclusion of the Public

**RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of item \*7 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

#### \*7. Call in – Award of contract for legal services (Para 3)

(The director of regeneration and development, the director of procurement and the head of planning attended for this item)

Following discussion it was:

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

**CHAIR** 

#### **Norwich City Council**

#### **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## Item No 5

REPORT for meeting to be held on Thursday 18 July 2019

## Scrutiny committee work programme 2019-20

**Summary:** The purpose of this report is to assist committee members in

setting the work programme for the rest of the civic year

2019-20.

**Conclusions:** The programme is a standing item at each committee meeting

and can be adjusted as necessary.

**Recommendation:** To consider:

(1) the scrutiny committee work programme 2019-20

(2) the appointment of members to various select committees

as agreed at the last meeting; and

(3) the addition of the new Carbon Management Programme

as a potential scrutiny topic, see 1.7 below

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#### Report

- 1.1 When the scrutiny committee considers which items to include on its work programme, it is useful to do so in the context of what the focus is for the council over the coming year and to look at how activity aligns to the council's corporate plan.
- 1.2 This is so that the scrutiny committee will be able to consider where and how it can add value to the work being carried out towards achievement of the council's priorities and ensure that resources are being focused effectively.

#### Scope for scheduling items to the work programme

- 1.3 Although sometimes not possible to achieve, it was previously agreed that the committee should agree as few as possible substantive topics per meeting. The main reason for this is to ensure that there is enough time for the committee to effectively consider the issues and has a fair chance of reaching sound, evidence based outcomes. Ideally, one main item per meeting would be the aim.
- 1.4 Although the future work of the committee has been set up to March 2020, members will have the opportunity on a monthly basis to revise the programme if and when required or due to changing events.
- 1.5 Along with this report, members have a copy of the cabinet forward agenda for consideration.
- 1.6 It is proposed that any discussion is as a whole committee using the TOPIC criteria. This will assist members in achieving the goal of an agreed work programme that is met by consensus.
- 1.7 During the process of informing officers which items have been agreed and when for the work programme 2019-20 it has come to the scrutiny liaison officers attention that the Council's environmental strategy team are developing a new Carbon Management Programme which would be available for scrutiny to review in December 2019.
- 1.8 Scrutiny members agreed to form of select committees covering the following topics and members should now be appointed with an agreed date to report back to the scrutiny committee:
  - Universal basic income
  - Anti-social behavior including fly tipping and city council processes
  - The growth of short term letting of homes in Norwich with input from the Independent Hoteliers Group (28 June 2018)

1.9 Scrutiny members may be interested to know that the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) have recently published the <u>Good Scrutiny Guide</u>. This guide complements the <u>Government's statutory scrutiny guidance</u> (published May 2019). CfPS will cover the main headlines of the Good Scrutiny Guide in their training which is being delivered at City Hall from noon on Thursday 18 July.

#### 2. Annual work programme planning grid

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 Keep substantive item unallocated at present Report back from NHOSC meeting from 5 September			
14 November	Work programme Young people and wellbeing, meeting to be held offsite Report back from NHOSC meeting from 10 October			
12 December	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	Work programme Climate mitigation and the Environmental Strategy			
12 February	Work programme Pre-scrutiny of the budget 2020/21 Report back from NHOSC meeting from 23 January			
19 March	Work programme Universal Basic Income select committee report. All member briefing to be convened in advance of this. Annual report of scrutiny Annual review of the scrutiny committee			

#### 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.
- Reports from the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny sub panel to be added when dates of the meeting are known.

# **FORWARD AGENDA:** CABINET and COUNCIL MEETINGS **2019 - 2020**



	ALLOCATED ITEMS							
Meeting	Report	Purpose	Portfolio holder + Senior Officer + Report author	Date report signed off by	Management clearance	Exempt?		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	The award of contract for bus lane enforcement – KEY DECISION	To seek approval to award a contract for bus lane enforcement	Cllr Stonard Dave Moorcroft Jo Day		Dave Moorcroft	NO		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	HECA (Home Energy Conservation Act) report 2019 - 2021	To report on the energy efficiency work of Norwich City Council over the past two years, and our planned work for the next two years	Cllr Davies Richard Willson Rachel Sowerby		Dave Moorcroft	NO		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	Managing Assets (Housing) – KEY DECISION	To consider the disposal of the land and property assets mentioned in this report.	Cllr Harris Bob Cronk Carol Marney		Bob Cronk	YES (para 3)		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	Q4 Corporate Performance report 2018/19	To report progress against the delivery of the corporate plan priorities and key performance measures for Q4 2018/19	Adam Clark Josh Aldred			NO		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	New Corporate Performance measures and targets for 2019/20 onwards as part of the new Corporate Plan 2019- 22	To report the new performance framework measures and their targets for the new Corporate Plan 2019-22	Adam Clark Josh Aldred			NO		
CABINET	Recommendations of	To consider recommendations of the				NO		

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Meeting	Report	Purpose	Portfolio holder + Senior Officer + Report author	Date report signed off by	Management clearance	Exempt?		
10 JULY 2019	the scrutiny committee	scrutiny committee						
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	Housing development of Rayne Park sections 3 and 4 – KEY DECISION	To recommend to Council to approve a loan and equity investment into Norwich Regeneration Limited for housing development at Rayne Park (sections 3 and 4).	Cllr Stonard  David Moorcroft  Karen Watling		David Moorcroft Karen Watling	NO		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	Housing development of Rayne Park sections 3 and 4 – Business case	For Cabinet to recommend to Council to approve the Business Case for further housing development at Rayne Park by Norwich Regeneration Limited	Cllr Stonard  David Moorcroft  Karen Watling		David Moorcroft Karen Watling	YES (para 3)		
CABINET 10 JULY 2019	Proposed disposal of long term investment – <b>KEY DECISION</b>	To consider an offer for the Council's equity (shares) in Norwich Airport Ltd	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	Yes (para3)		
COUNCIL 23 JULY 2019	Annual report of the scrutiny committee	To note the annual report of the scrutiny committee	Cllr Wright Emma Webster			No		
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CABINET 11 SEPT 2019	Treasury Management full year review 2018/19	To consider and recommend to council the treasury management full year review 2018/19	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Miriam Adams		Karen Watling	NO	
CABINET 11 SEPT 2019	Transforming cities progress update	To inform members of the progress of the work to develop a package of measures to be funded by Transforming Cities and update members on the new governance arrangements for highway schemes that are delivered under the Transport for Norwich banner, including those that are funded by Transforming Cities.	Cllr Stonard David Moorcroft Joanne Deverick		Dave Moorcroft	No	
CABINET 11 SEPT 2019	Organisational development review	To report on the review	Cllr Waters Laura McGillivray		Laura McGillivray	YES (para 4)	
CABINET 11 SEPT 2019	Charter for Cleaner Air	To consider signing Oxford City Council's Charter for Cleaner Air	Cllr Maguire Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	NO	
CABINET 11 SEPT 2019	Request to provide a working capital loan to the Norwich Historic Churches Trust – <b>KEY DECISION</b>	To consider a short term loan to the Norwich Historic Churches Trust to provide working capital to finance restoration works pending payment of a grant	Paul Kendrick Karen Watling Andy Watt		Karen Watling	Yes (Para 3)	
CABINET	Norwich Airport	To report back on revisions to the draft	Cllr Stonard		Dave	NO	

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11 SEPT 2019	Masterplan – KEY DECISION	masterplan and to seek approval of the final masterplan document.	Graham Nelson Judith Davison		Moorcroft		
COUNCIL 24 SEPT 2019							
COUNCIL 24 SEPT 2019	Treasury Management full year review 2018/19	To consider the treasury management full year review 2018/19	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Miriam Adams		Karen Watling	NO	
CABINET 9 OCT 2019							
CABINET 13 NOV 2019							
COUNCIL 26 NOV 2019							
CABINET 11 DEC 2019							

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Meeting	Report	Purpose	Portfolio holder + Senior Officer + Report author	Date report signed off by	Management clearance	Exempt?		
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CABINET 15 JAN 2020	Treasury Management mid year review 2019/20	To consider and recommend to council the treasury management mid year review 2019/20	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Miriam Adams		Karen Watling	NO		
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COUNCIL 28 JAN DEC 2020	Treasury Management mid year review 2019/20	To consider the treasury management mid year review 2019/20	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Miriam Adams		Karen Watling	NO		

#### **Norwich City Council**

# SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ITEM 6

#### REPORT for meeting to be held on Thursday 18 July

#### **Transforming Cities**

#### **Purpose**

To inform members of the progress of the work to develop a package of measures to be funded by Transforming Cities and update members on the new governance arrangements for highway schemes that are delivered under the Transport for Norwich banner, including those that are funded by Transforming Cities.

#### Recommendation

To note the contents of this report

#### **Corporate and service priorities**

The report helps to meet the corporate priority Inclusive economy

#### **Financial implications**

At the current time there are no direct financial implications for the city council. The Transforming Cities programme will be managed and delivered by Norfolk County Council. As the programme develops there may be opportunities for the city council to offer matched funding through its' existing capital programme or developer and CIL contributions.

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#### **Background**

- Members will be aware that the Department for Transport (DfT) has selected the greater Norwich area as one of the 12 city regions to qualify for a share of £1.2B Transforming Cities funding (TCF). The purpose of the fund is to improve productivity through investment in improved public and sustainable transport and improved connections between urban centres and suburbs.
- Norfolk county council are leading on the development of the Transforming Cities proposals, working closely with ourselves and Broadland and South Norfolk district councils.
- 3. The DfT released an initial tranche of £60M at the end of March to fund a number small number of quick win schemes that could be built in the current financial year. Norfolk were awarded £6.1M for the following schemes;
  - Prince of Wales Road / London Street / Bank Plain (£2.3M)
  - Wymondham to Hethersett cycle route (£1M)
  - Green pedalway St Williams Way (£0.8M)
  - Cycle share scheme (£0.7M)
  - Norwich bus station improvements (£0.8M)
  - Pedestrian crossing facilities at Dereham Road / Bowthorpe Road and Heigham Street / Mile Cross Road (£0.5M)
- 4. The schemes are now well under development and will be delivered by the end of March 2020.

#### Main Transforming Cities programme.

- 5. The bulk of the funding from the transforming cities programme will come through Tranche 2. To secure funding through tranche 2 each city region must submit a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) to the DfT outlining what the objectives of their programme are, how it delivers value for money and how it fits with the TCF objectives. To that end a "logic map" was produced that is attached as appendix one. The objectives are summarised below:
  - Improve productivity by investing in public and sustainable transport
  - Increase the number of journeys made by low carbon sustainable modes of transport
  - Improving access to employment and delivering growth
  - Encouraging the use of new mobility systems and technology
  - Tackling air pollution and reducing carbon emissions
  - Delivering more homes
  - Delivering apprenticeships and improving skills

- 6. There is a 2 stage process for the submission of the SOBC; in accordance with the DfT guidance on 20 June the county council submitted their draft business case to the DfT, and will received feedback on that over the coming weeks, ahead of the actual SOBC being submitted on 28 November 2019.
- 7. At this stage the SOBC does not need to outline individual schemes but its' purpose is to give the DfT an understanding of how the TCF objectives will be met. The plan for the greater Norwich TCF bid is to better connect the city centre and key employment / education sites by transforming the city centre, the bus network and the passenger experience. The draft SOBC outlined the following key deliverables in the application:
  - Improvements along three principal transport corridors; Airport to Broadland Business Park; Wymondham to Sprowston; and Easton to Rackheath
  - Quicker journeys by cleaner vehicles serving the Norwich Research Park, University of East Anglia and the hospital, making use of a route crossing the River Yare
  - More frequent bus services that are better co-ordinated between operators, with more evening services
  - Improvements to public transport ticketing
  - Improvements to walking and cycling networks to support the delivery of enhanced public transport
  - Improvements to public transport, walking, cycling and general highway capacity in the Longwater area
  - More direct and quicker public transport routes to and from the Broadland Growth Triangle, the UK's largest urban extension
  - Provision of much needed additional bus stop capacity in the city centre, better connecting the train and bus stations and providing extra inner ring road junction capacity
  - Delivering fully accessible transport hubs that provide a range of facilities, which could include seating, lighting, real time and disruption travel information, Wi-Fi, mobile phone charging, cycle parking, electric vehicle charging, retail opportunities and car club vehicles
- 8. The full rationale behind the SOBC can be found in the county council cabinet report that was considered at their meeting on 10 June 2019. A copy of the report can be found here starting on page 24.

#### **Transforming Cities Fund governance**

9. Members will recall that when it was announced that the greater Norwich region had been successful in applying to be part of the TCF process a governance structure was agreed by the Norfolk County Council at its' meeting on 18 January 2019. This governance structure proposed that a member group consisting of 3 county council members and one each from the 3 districts (City, Broadland and South Norfolk) consider all the proposed TCF schemes and make

- recommendations to the Environment, Transport and Development committee who would have the decide whether a scheme was to be taken forward.
- 10. Through the Scrutiny committee on 21 March 2019 the city council expressed their concern about the arrangements for TCF governance as it failed to recognise that the TCF programme will have significantly more impact on city residents than on those in Broadland and South Norfolk. There were also reservations about the member group not being able to make decisions themselves, as the interests of the district councils would not be properly represented. It is very welcome to see that the county council have taken on board those concerns and have agreed that the governance arrangements should be revised. The new arrangements are for a 9 member group: 4 county councillors, 2 City, 1 Broadland, 1 South Norfolk and 1 representative from the Local Enterprise Partnership. The group will be constituted as a committee of the county council and will have full decision making powers.
- 11. Full details of the revised governance arrangements can be found <a href="here">here</a> in the paper submitted to the county's Cabinet on 20 May, starting on page 4
- 12. The initial meeting of the Transforming Cities committee took place on 1 July and was attended by Cllr's Stonard and Sarmezey. Cllr Sarmezey was substituting for Cllr Stutely who will be the regular second city member.

