



Wednesday, 19 February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on Thursday, 27 February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors:	S Dannheimer (Chair)	J M Owen
	T J Marsh (Vice-Chair)	A W G A Stockwell
	E Williamson (Vice-Chair)	C M Tideswell
	H L Crosby	S Webb
	K A Harlow	E Winfield
	H Land	K Woodhead
	R D MacRae	

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

(Pages 3 - 10)

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

(Pages 11 - 18)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 and 21 January 2025.

4. Minutes from Working Groups (Pages 19 - 20)

To receive minutes from the Working Group.

5. Consideration of Call-In

To consider any matter referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to the call in of a decision.

6. Housing Repairs Update

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting to conclude this scrutiny topic.

7. Cabinet Work Programme (Pages 21 - 22)

To inform the Committee of items on the Cabinet's work programme, from which items for scrutiny may be identified.

8. Work Programme (Pages 23 - 26)

Committee is asked to approve its Work Programme, including identifying topics for scrutiny, that will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

## Report of the Monitoring Officer

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### 1. Purpose of Report

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda. The following information is extracted from the Code of Conduct, in addition to advice from the Monitoring Officer which will assist Members to consider any declarations of interest.

#### **Part 2 – Member Code of Conduct**

##### **General Obligations:**

#### **10. Interest**

10.1 You will register and disclose your interests in accordance with the provisions set out in Appendix A.

Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to establish and maintain a register of interests of Members of the Council. The register is publically available and protects you by demonstrating openness and willingness to be held accountable. You are personally responsible for deciding whether or not you should disclose an interest in a meeting which allows the public, Council employees and fellow Councillors know which of your interests gives rise to a conflict of interest. If in doubt you should always seek advice from your Monitoring Officer.

**You should note that failure to register or disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in Appendix A of the Code of Conduct, is a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011.**

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#### **Advice from the Monitoring Officer:**

On reading the agenda it is advised that you:

1. Consider whether you have any form of interest to declare as set out in the Code of Conduct.
2. Consider whether you have a declaration of any bias or predetermination to make as set out at the end of this document
3. Update Democratic Services and the Monitoring Officer and or Deputy Monitoring Officers of any declarations you have to make ahead of the meeting and take advice as required.
4. Use the Member Interest flowchart to consider whether you have an interest to declare and what action to take.
5. Update the Chair at the meeting of any interest declarations as follows:

‘I have an interest in Item xx of the agenda’

'The nature of my interest is ..... therefore the type of interest is  
DPI/ORI/NRI/BIAS/PREDETERMINATION  
'The action I will take is...'

This will help Officer record a more accurate record of the interest being declared and the actions taken. You will also be able to consider whether it is necessary to send a substitute Members in your place and to provide Democratic Services with notice of your substitute Members name.

**Note: If at the meeting you recognise one of the speakers and only then become aware of an interest you should declare your interest and take any necessary action**

6. Update your Member Interest Register of any registerable interests within 28days of becoming aware of the Interest.

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### **Ask yourself do you have any of the following interest to declare?**

#### **1. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIs)**

A "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" is any interest described as such in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 and includes an interest of yourself, or of your Spouse/Partner (if you are aware of your Partner's interest) that falls within the following categories: Employment, Trade, Profession, Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Tenancies and Securities.

#### **2. OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (ORIs)**

An "Other Registerable Interest" is a personal interest in any business of your authority which relates to or is likely to affect:

- a) any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority; or
- b) any body
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
  - (ii) anybody directed to charitable purposes or
  - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of general control or management.

#### **3. NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (NRIs)**

"Non-Registrable Interests" are those that you are not required to register but need to be disclosed when a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or wellbeing or a financial interest or wellbeing of a relative or close associate that is not a DPI.

A matter "directly relates" to one of your interests where the matter is directly about that interest. For example, the matter being discussed is an application about a particular property in which you or somebody associated with you has a financial interest.

A matter “affects” your interest where the matter is not directly about that interest but would still have clear implications for the interest. For example, the matter concerns a neighbouring property.

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## **Declarations and Participation in Meetings**

### **1. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIs)**

1.1 Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests which include both the interests of yourself and your partner then:

#### **Action to be taken**

- **you must disclose the nature of the interest** at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent, whether or not such interest is registered in the Council’s register of interests of Member and Co-opted Members or for which you have made a pending notification. If it is a sensitive interest you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest
- **you must not participate in any discussion** of that particular business at the meeting, or if you become aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting you must not participate further in any discussion of the business, including by speaking as a member of the public
- **you must not participate in any vote** or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting and
- **you must withdraw from the room** at this point to make clear to the public that you are not influencing the meeting in anyway and to protect you from the criminal sanctions that apply should you take part, unless you have been granted a Dispensation.

### **2. OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (ORIs)**

2.1 Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests i.e. relating to a body you may be involved in:

- **you must disclose** the interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent, whether or not such interest is registered in the Council’s register of interests of Member and Co-opted Members or for which you have made a pending notification. If it is a sensitive interest you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest
- **you must not take part in any discussion or vote** on the matter, but may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting
- **you must withdraw from the room** unless you have been granted a Dispensation.

### 3. NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (NRIs)

3.1 Where a matter arises at a meeting, which is not registrable but may become relevant when a particular item arises i.e. interests which relate to you and /or other people you are connected with (e.g. friends, relative or close associates) then:

- **you must** disclose the interest; if it is a sensitive interest you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest
  - **you must not take part in any discussion or vote**, but may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting; and
  - **you must withdraw** from the room unless you have been granted a Dispensation.
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#### **Dispensation and Sensitive Interests**

A “Dispensation” is agreement that you may continue to participate in the decision-making process notwithstanding your interest as detailed at section 12 of the Code of the Conduct and the Appendix.

A “Sensitive Interest” is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the Member, or a person connected with the Member, being subject to violence or intimidation. In any case where this Code of Conduct requires to you to disclose an interest (subject to the agreement of the Monitoring Officer in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of this Appendix regarding registration of interests), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, if it is a Sensitive Interest in such circumstances you just have to disclose that you have a Sensitive Interest under S32(2) of the Localism Act 2011. You must update the Monitoring Officer when the interest is no longer sensitive, so that the interest can be recorded, made available for inspection and published.

#### **BIAS and PREDETERMINATION**

The following are not explicitly covered in the code of conduct but are important legal concepts to ensure that decisions are taken solely in the public interest and not to further any private interests.

The risk in both cases is that the decision maker does not approach the decision with an objective, open mind.

This makes the local authority’s decision challengeable (and may also be a breach of the Code of Conduct by the Councillor).

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officers, if you need assistance ahead of the meeting.

## **BIAS**

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias. If you have been involved in an issue in such a manner or to such an extent that the public are likely to perceive you to be biased in your judgement of the public interest:

- a) you should not take part in the decision-making process
- b) you should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part
- c) you should leave the room.

## **PREDETERMINATION**

Where a decision maker has completely made up his/her mind before the decision is taken or that the public are likely to perceive you to be predetermined due to comments or statements you have made:

- a) you should not take part in the decision-making process
- b) you should state that your position in this matter prohibits you from taking part
- c) you should leave the room.

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## Registerable Interests

These are interests that you are required to register in accordance with the Code of Conduct. They are interests that you would know about in advance of an item coming up (e.g. land you own) and you should have included them when filling in your register of interests.

What type of Registerable Interest do you have in this matter?

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

These are any interests that are described as DPIs under the Code of Conduct and include both the interests of yourself and of your partner.

### Other Registerable Interests

These are personal interests that relate to certain types of bodies that you may be involved in as set out in the Code of Conduct.

Does the matter directly relate to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests?

No

Does the matter directly relate to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests?

No

Does the matter affect a financial interest or the wellbeing of yourself or of a friend, relative or close associate?

No

Is the financial interest or wellbeing affected to a greater extent than the financial interests or wellbeing of the majority of inhabitants?

No

Would a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest?

No

You must:

- Disclose the interest;
- Not speak on the matter;
- Not participate in any discussion or vote; and
- Not remain in the room unless you have a Dispensation

You must:

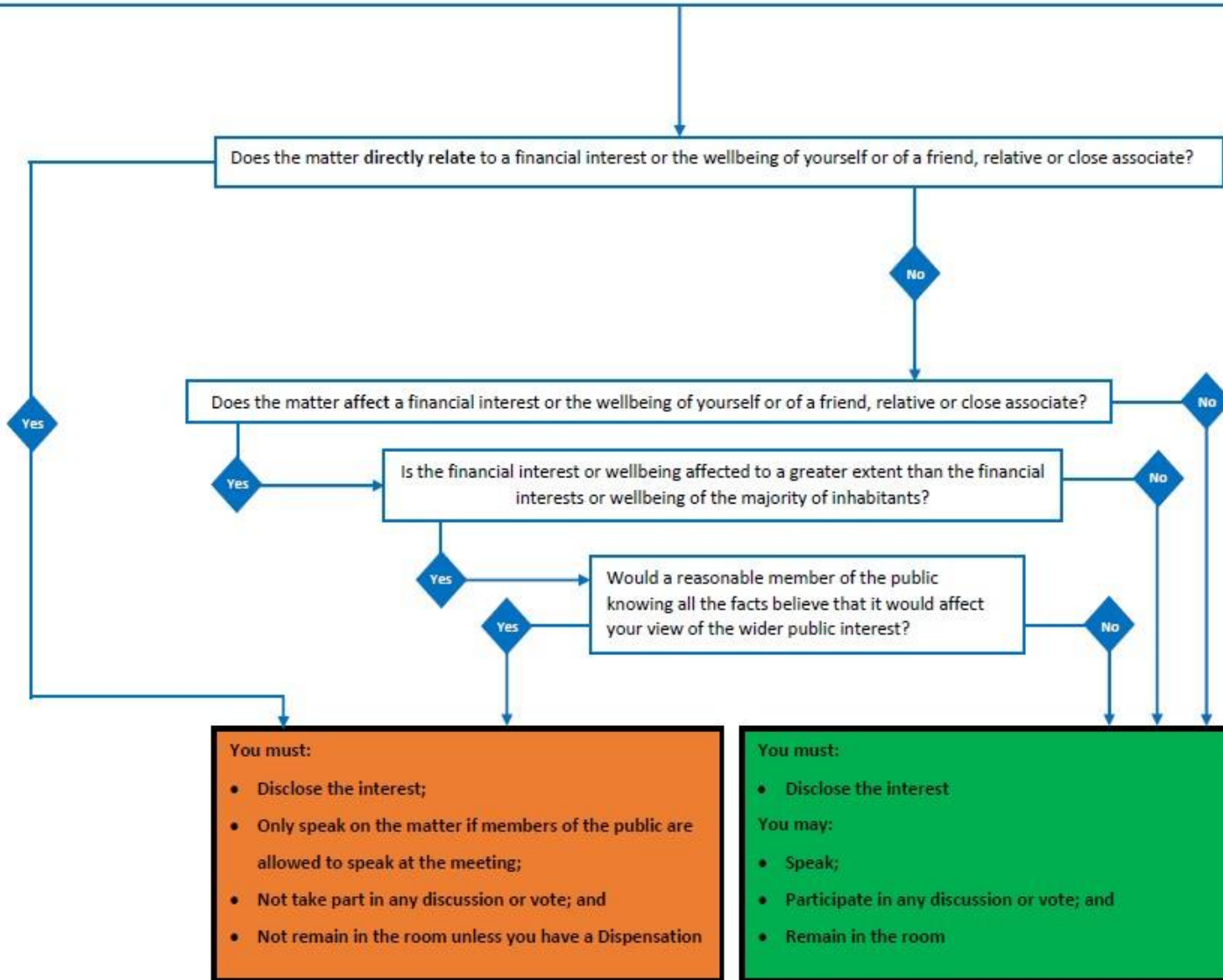
- Disclose the interest;
- Only speak on the matter if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting;
- Not take part in any discussion or vote; and
- Not remain in the room unless you have a Dispensation

You must:

- Disclose the interest
- You may:
- Speak;
  - Participate in any discussion or vote; and
  - Remain in the room

## Non-Registerable Interests

These are interests that you are not required to register but may become relevant when a particular item arises. These are usually interests that relate to other people you are connected with (e.g. friends, relatives or close associates) but can include your own interests where you would not have been expected to register them.



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: E Williamson (Vice-Chair)  
H Land  
R D MacRae  
J M Owen  
A W G A Stockwell  
C M Tideswell  
S Webb  
E Winfield  
K Woodhead  
P J Owen (Substitute for H L Crosby)  
A Cooper (Substitute for T J Marsh)  
P A Smith (Substitute for K A Harlow)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T J Marsh, H L Crosby and K A Harlow

Councillor V Smith was in attendance as Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Councillors P Bales, B C Carr, and S J Carr were in attendance to observe the meeting.

### 32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R D MacRae declared an Other Registrable Interest as he was a Member on the Stapleford Towns Board Agenda item 6, Minute item 36 refers.

### 33 CONSIDERATION OF CALL - IN

There were no call-ins to be considered.

### 34 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK BUSINESS PLANS AND BUDGET SETTING

Members noted the performance and financial management framework used to support the business planning and budget setting process in accordance with all of the Councils priorities.

### 35 HOUSING – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

Members considered proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Council's priority

area of Housing to have a good quality home for everyone. Members line of enquiries included the following:

- Changes to legislation and the Preventable Reform Bill and landlords issuing Section 21 Notices would impact the targets for Homelessness cases. There had been vacancies in the team during 2023/24 but still exceeded the target.
- Query regarding the Section 31 grant funding expected to support the increased cost of employers National Insurance Contributions.
- Confirmation that the repairs and maintenance budget was a one off budget and not a reduction.
- Further impacts with borrowing costs and interest rates

**The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

- 1. Cabinet approves the Housing Business Plan.**
- 2. Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
  - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base)**
  - b) The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
  - c) The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

**36 BUSINESS GROWTH – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28**

The Committee considered proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme, and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Councils priority area of Business growth to invest in our towns and people by developing and implementing area regeneration and supporting business employment, skills and connectivity. Key lines of enquiry included:

- The consultation would continue for Broxtowe with the Greater Nottingham Neighbouring Local Plan despite another Local Authority withdrawing. Local plan examination was expected to cost £80,000 and adoption was anticipated by end of 2025.
- Town Centre occupancy was higher in all areas of the borough than the National target of 83% occupancy.
- Queries were raised with the car park Loyalty scheme for shopping in the Town Centres. It was confirmed the scheme had been funded from the UKSPF. Members would like further details of the scheme.
- Members would like to see a breakdown of occupancy, income and outgoings related to the Craft Workshops at Eastwood
- It was confirmed that the existing Christmas lights at Beeston were broken and required replacing. A budget provisional would be required to look at replacing them in 2025.

**The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

- 1. Cabinet approves the Business Growth Business Plan.**

2. **Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
- a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base)**
  - b) **The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
  - c) **The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

37 RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS – BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

Members considered proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Councils priority area of Resources and Support Services Areas. Key lines of enquires included:

- Percentage of employees who felt informed had improved from the previous year. The Chief Executive confirmed that roadshows had taken place to all employees on the Corporate Plan with an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Councils vision, priorities, and objectives. Feedback had been successful.
- Residents who were satisfied with the services the Council provided was slightly higher than the National comparison of the LGA's local government customer satisfaction survey in October 2024.
- A new unreasonable Complainant Behaviour Policy would shortly be presented to the Policy Overview Working Group and would also include behaviour towards Members and contact by non-complainants.
- The Discretionary Housing Payments contribution from Central Government had been significantly reduced and this would mean the Council would be required to top up the amounts to support the most vulnerable. An additional amount of funding from Nottinghamshire County Council Household Support Fund was also provided which allowed an increase in expenditure above the 100% Department of Working Pensions Contribution.
- A review of Council tax exemptions was being undertaken with recommendations to review the levels and to promote a return to use for empty properties.
- Members commented on agile working and would like assurance wellbeing was considered for all employees who worked remotely.

**The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

**Cabinet approves the Business Plans for the support service areas.**

2. **Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
- a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base) including any revenue development submissions.**
  - b) **The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
  - c) **The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

38 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the work programme and resolved accordingly.

**RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.**



## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2025**

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: E Williamson (Vice-Chair)  
H Land  
R D MacRae  
J M Owen  
A W G A Stockwell  
C M Tideswell  
S Webb  
E Winfield  
K Woodhead  
P J Owen (Substitute for H L Crosby)  
R E Bofinger (Substitute for K A Harlow)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T J Marsh, H L Crosby and K A Harlow.

Councillor S J Carr was in attendance to observe the meeting.

### 24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Dannheimer declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Member of the Liberty Leisure Board Minute number 29 refers.

Councillor R Boffinger declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Member of the Liberty Leisure Board Minute number 29 refers.

Councillor R D MacRae declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Board member of identified bodies directed to Charitable purposes listed within the item. Minute number 29 refers.

### 25 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2024 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### 26 **CONSIDERATION OF CALL - IN**

There were no call-ins to be considered.

27 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK BUSINESS PLANS AND BUDGET SETTING

Members noted the performance and financial management framework used to support the business planning and budget setting process. This was in accordance with all of the Councils priorities.

28 COMMUNITY SAFETY – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

The Committee considered the proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Council's priority area of Community Safety. The priorities and objectives for Community Safety were a safe place for everyone by reducing anti-social behavior in Broxtowe, Work with partners to reduce violence and improve public safety, and reduce drug and alcohol use. Key lines of enquiry from Members were:

- Future target figure setting relating to reported domestic abuse in the Borough.
- License fees for Private Hire/Hackney Carriage was confirmed to be set by legislation.
- Effects of the increase to National Insurance Contributions.
- Increase in requests to the Sanctuary Scheme required additional funding.
- Raising awareness with Electric bike and Scooters in the Borough in partnership with the Police and voluntary sector to help reduce crime and improve confidence in the Community.
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**The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

- 1. Cabinet approves the Community Safety Business Plan.**
- 2. Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
  - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base).**
  - b) The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

29 LEISURE AND HEALTH – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

Members welcomed proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Councils priority area of Leisure and Health. The priorities and objectives for Leisure and Health were healthy and supported communities with promoting active and healthy lifestyles in every area of Broxtowe, develop plans to renew leisure facilities in Broxtowe and to support people to live well with dementia and support those who were lonely or have mental health problems. Key lines of enquiry included:

- Confirmation that the Dementia Friends online training was provided by an external provider and this resulted in the target only representing the face to face training.



- Lack of information provided with aspirations for the North of the Borough leisure facilities.
- Communication with swimming clubs in the Borough to ensure competitive swimming continued.
- Air quality target had been met for several years.
- Reassurance was provided that any health and safety issues affecting Bramcote Leisure Centre would be repaired as a priority.

**The Committee:**

- 1. RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the Leisure and Health Business Plan.**
- 2. NOTED the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan.**
- 3. RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
  - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base)**
  - b) The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
  - c) The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

(Having declared an Other Registerable Interest Councillor S Dannheimer left the room and did not vote thereon. Councillor E Williamson was the Vice Chair in the Chair for the duration of the item).

(Having declared Other Registerable Interests Councillors, R Boffinger, and R MacRae also left the room for this item and did not vote thereon).

30 **ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 – 2027/28**

Members considered proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charge in respect of the Councils priority areas of Environment. The priorities and objectives for Environment was protect the environment for the future this would be achieved by reducing carbon emissions and improve air quality, continue to invest in parks and open and spaces, and reduce the amount of waste disposed if in the black lidded bin and increase recycling and composting. Questions and comments from the Committee included:

- Environmental Events across the Borough had been well attended.
- To ensure the new Play Strategy included recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regards to neurodiversity and accessibility.
- Positive comments received from Members with the Bulky Waste days and the Street Cleaning Team.
- Woodland Burial Interest
- New developments had contributed to the missed bins increase. The Team collects over 5.5 million bin collections annually. The figure achieved in 2023/24 represented 0.3% of the total collections across the Borough.

**The Committee RECOMMENDED that:**

1. **Cabinet approves the Environment Business Plan and the Bereavement Services Business Plan.**
2. **Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
  - a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base)**
  - b) **The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
  - c) **The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

31 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the scrutiny work programme in accordance with all of the Councils priorities.

**RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.**

## SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor T J Marsh, Chair

Councillors: R D MacRae  
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There were no apologies for absence.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED that Councillor T J Marsh be Chair.**

2 SCOPING FORM – AGENDAS

The Working Group considered the scope for the investigation into agendas. There was particular focus on the length of agendas and that they could have numbered paragraphs.

3 WORK PROGRAMME

It was agreed that the Working Group would meet again to discuss research and compile recommendations.

A date for the meeting was to be confirmed.

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## Report of the Leader of the Council

### Cabinet Work Programme

1. Purpose of Report

Cabinet is asked to approve its Work Programme, including potential key decisions that will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the Work Programme, including key decisions, be approved.**

3. Detail

The Work Programme for future meetings is set out below. Key decisions and exempt items are marked with \*.

11 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations</li> <li>• Commercial Strategy</li> <li>• Grievance Policy</li> <li>• Disciplinary Policy</li> <li>• Prevent Strategy</li> <li>• HMO Strategy</li> <li>• Litter Strategy</li> <li>• Residential Guidance Supplementary Guidance Document</li> <li>• Vulnerable Persons Policy</li> <li>• Tree Strategy</li> </ul>
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4. Key Decisions

This is not key decision.

5. Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

The terms of reference are set out in the Council's constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

7. Human Resources Implications

There are HR implications purely from the point of view of clarifying roles and responsibilities of Council Officers and responsibilities of partner agencies.

8. Union Comments

There were no comments received

9. Climate Change Implications

There were no comments received.

10. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impact Assessment issues.

12. Background Papers

Nil

REFERENCE

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Scrutiny Work Programme**

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to request that Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all of the Council's priorities.

2. Recommendation

**The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the report and RESOLVE to agree subjects to be considered for review including those submitted as suggestions for Scrutiny.**

3. Detail

Details of the reviews currently suggested on the work programme are within the **Appendix**.

Members may wish to consider new topics using the criteria below for their current programme:

- Issues identified by Members as a key issue for the public
- Issue has a significant local impact
- Significant public dissatisfaction (e.g. through complaints)
- Issue raised by auditors
- New government guidance/legislation
- New evidence provided by external organisation
- Poor performance (e.g. evidence from performance indicators)
- High level budgetary commitment
- Pattern of budgetary overspending.

The work programme for the next meetings are as follows:

26 June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spotlight Review D.H. Lawrence Museum</li> <li>• Spotlight Review Markets</li> <li>• Gamcare Licensing Report</li> <li>• Annual Report for Scrutiny</li> </ul>
25 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spotlight Review Equality, Inclusivity and Diversity at the Council</li> </ul>

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal were as follows:

The terms of reference are set out in the Council's constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable

7. Union Comments

Not applicable

8. Climate Change Implications

This report does not contain any climate change implications.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impact Assessment issues.

10. Background Papers

Nil



1. Topics Agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Topic	Topic suggested by	Link to corporate priorities/values
1.	Child Poverty	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Support people to live well, A good quality home for everyone
2.	Budget Consultation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Corporate Priorities
3.	Building Control	Councillor B C Carr agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to put on hold. Awaiting the outcome of a report to Cabinet.	A good quality home for everyone
4.	Diversity and Inclusion at the Council	Councillor S Dannheimer agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Invest in our towns and our people, Support people to live well, Protect the environment for the future, and a good quality home for everyone
5.	Council Agendas	Councillor T Marsh	Protect the environment for the future
6.	Environment Enforcement Fines	Cabinet	Protect the environment for the future
7.	GamCare Licensing	Licensing Committee Chair Councillor R Bullock	Invest in our towns and our people, Support people to live well.

**2. Spotlight Reviews**

1.	Housing Repairs Service Review	Six Month Review	February 2025	The Housing aim of a good quality home for everyone
2.	Markets	Six Month Review	November 2024	Invest in our towns and our people
3.	D. H Lawrence Museum	Six Month Review	June 2025	Invest in our towns and our people
4.	Equality Diversity and Inclusion at the Council (Report to Cabinet 3 September 2024)	Six month Review	June 2025	Invest in our towns and our people, Support people to live well, Protect the environment for the future, and a good quality home for everyone