

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: J M Owen (Vice-Chair)
S J Carr
H J Faccio
A W G A Stockwell
T J Marsh
J M Owen
P A Smith
D K Watts
S Webb

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Winfield and K Woodhead.

Councillor P Owen was present.

The officers present were G Dwyer, E Georgiou, S Tidy, M Hawley, R Shaw, J Ward and J Chambers.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

57 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday, 26 June 2025 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

58 CONSIDERATION OF CALL-IN

There were no call-ins to be considered.

59 ICT SERVICES REPORT

The Committee considered a report updating members on the performance of ICT Services, with members commenting on difficulties that they have experienced with their email accounts and security measures, and noting that they find officers in ICT to be very helpful.

It was stated that further training sessions on specific technical topics would be arranged for members. The Committee noted the report.

60 UPDATE REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

Members considered a report on the performance of the council's contractor WISE in issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) to help mitigate littering and fly-tipping. Members noted the preponderance of fly-tipping cases in Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell, touching on the number of cases at Trowell Service Station. It was noted that there could be more attention in town centres, and officers spoke of work to be done in educating members of the public who hire tradespeople.

Members were encouraged to report cases of fly-tipping to officers to aid enforcement. It was confirmed that officers had reviewed bodycam footage in cases of alleged aggressive behaviour by enforcement officers and can state that this has not occurred in the cases reviewed. The Committee noted the report.

61 UPDATE: EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN COUNCIL PARKS

Members considered a report detailing progress made in improving accessibility and inclusivity in council parks. A member noted one small clarification to be made in the papers.

Members made various comments for officers to consider, such as regarding choices of material, the order of planned works, and queries relating to specific sites. Members commended the work already completed in improving accessibility to parks across the borough. Members welcomed another update in 12 months' time. The Committee noted the report.

62 UPDATE ON REVIEW OF THE D.H. LAWRENCE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Officers presented a report that updated on the status of the museum after its transfer back into Council control in 2023. Members noted opportunities to engage with local bookshops, the reduction in the rate of council subsidy per visitor, and cost-effective forms of outreach used with local schools. The Committee noted the report.

63 PROGRESS ON REVIEW OF EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE D.H. LAWRENCE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Members considered a report updating members on progress made against recommendations from this Committee on improving accessibility at the museum.

Reaching out to other museums that face similar challenges was suggested.

The Committee noted the report.

64 ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROCEDURE

The report before the committee detailed the recent recommendation of the Governance, Assurance and Standards Committee that this Committee consider whether it should review the Council's Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) procedures.

It was noted in the discussion that different council departments have different ASB procedures as they are not all governed by the same legislation. The Committee noted the report.

RESOLVED that the Committee would add an item on the Housing department's antisocial behaviour policies and procedures to its work programme.

65 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Cabinet Work Programme.

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The Committee considered the Work Programme, noting previous additions, and considered future scrutiny of Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) within the borough, as long as this would not duplicate the work of Cabinet.

RESOLVED that:

1. **The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme, as amended, be approved.**
2. **The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be brought forward to the 20th November 2025, to allow for scrutiny of the council's final submission to government on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).**

67 SCOPING DOCUMENT OF THE CEMETERY MEMORIALS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Committee considered a brief report on the work of the task and finish group and noted the group's scoping document.