

Scrutiny Overview Committee – Recommendation Tracker (22/23)

Committee Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer responsible	Status	Target Completion Date	Notes
15 March 2022	Fly Tipping Enforcement	A report on the use of 'electric refuse collection vehicles' be brought to a future meeting.	Dave Brown	In progress	n/a	Feedback provided to members (Sent 20.04.2022). Date for report to be agreed in new municipal year.
16 June 2022	Areas of Focus	A work programme for the municipal year be produced and be circulated to members of the Committee.	Craig Goodall	Complete	7 July 2022	Work programme drafted. Individual items to be scheduled.
		The suggested items of children's play strategy and associated children's health be referred to the Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Craig Goodall	Complete	26 July 2022	Members of the Children's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the item for inclusion on the Committee work program.
		That a working group be established to investigate the issue of School Gates Parking	Craig Goodall	Complete	27 July 2022	First meeting held on 27 July, with further meeting on 21 September 2022.

<p>10 October 2022</p>	<p>Registered providers of social housing</p>	<p>1. Scrutiny is concerned at the time taken to decide on planning applications delaying much needed housing as pointed out by Registered Social Housing landlords. The Scrutiny Overview Committee therefore asks Cabinet to look at the resources required to speed up the Planning process and further recommends that the Head of Planning and Development Control bring a report to the Committee on this issue at its meeting on 12 December 2022.</p> <p>2. The Scrutiny Overview Committee calls for the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Communities to attend a meeting in-person to report on steps to ensure that available land for housing development is utilised.</p> <p>3. The Scrutiny Overview Committee requests Cabinet to examine whether they feel there is a need for increased competition in the social housing sector within Walsall.</p>	<p>Simon Neilson Craig Goodall</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>12 December 2022</p>	<p>Recommendations reported to Cabinet on 19 October.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed to provide reports requested to SOC on 12 December 2022.</p>
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		<p>Walsall Housing Group provide Members with the following information:</p> <p>Number of right to buy and right to acquire sales;</p> <p>Contact details for community housing officers;</p> <p>Details of 'pin drop'.</p>	WHG	In progress	30 November 2022	<p>Majority of information provided to Members in October 2022. Community Housing Officers shared 1 December 2022. Further details awaited on pin drop.</p>
		<p>GreenSquareAccord provide Members with the following information:</p> <p>The Councillor enquiry email address;</p> <p>The number of right to buy sales;</p> <p>The energy costs savings for residents in the Darlaston 'wrapped house';</p> <p>How many new homes have been built and are planned to be built in Walsall;</p> <p>How many housing first schemes are there in Walsall;</p> <p>The number of care schemes and managed agent properties operating in Walsall.</p>	GreenSquareAccord	Complete	n/a	<p>Information provided to Members via email in October 2022.</p>

	Effectiveness of Scrutiny	Financial scrutiny training be made available for all Council Members prior to December budget-scrutiny scrutiny committee meetings.	Craig Goodall	Complete	30 November 2022	All Members invited to Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Finance Scrutiny Seminar that took place on 17 October 2022.
10 November 2022	Council Plan Markers of Success Q1	<p>Officers provide Members with the following:</p> <p>The full data set which informed the presentation, as submitted as an appendix to the October 2022 Cabinet report;</p> <p>The weblink to the Local government Association's 'LG Inform' database and benchmarking system;</p> <p>Statistics regarding contamination rates in recycling services, on a ward-by-ward basis, or as close to a ward-by-ward basis as is possible.</p> <p>That future quarterly reports on Council Plan Markers of Success incorporate and apply national benchmarking criteria, or benchmarking criteria from similar Local Authorities;</p>	Karen Griffiths	In progress	31 January 2023	

		That the Council Plan Markers of Success be added to the Committee's work programme on following the end of Quarter 2;	Craig Goodall	Complete	2 December 2022	Added to work programme.
	Effectiveness of Overview & Scrutiny	An in-person budget scrutiny training session, open to all Members of the Council, be provided by the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation prior to the draft revenue and capital budget being presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committees in January 2023.	Deborah Hindson Craig Goodall	Complete	11 January 2023	Training session provided on 16 January 2023.
		That external training for overview and scrutiny members takes place annually and that all members should be required to attend.	Craig Goodall	In progress	30 June 2023	
12 December 2022	Watmos Community Homes Constitution Change	That the report, when sent to Council, be amended to clarify whether tenant board members will always have a majority on voting matters;	Elise Hopkins	Complete	23 December 2022	Report considered at Council amended accordingly.
		That information regarding the skills matrices identified as required for future Board appointments and the Watmos succession plan, be provided to Members.	Watmos	In progress	16 March 2023	

	Customer Engagement	That an update on Member enquiries be provided at the meeting of the Committee on 7 February 2023, subject to the Member-Officer working group having met prior to that date	Elise Hopkins Craig Goodall	In Progress	7 February 2023 / 16 March 2023	Working group did not meet in time for comprehensive feedback on 7/2/23.
		That data be shared with Members regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demographics of users and issues raised at Walsall Connected; b. A detailed breakdown on the time it takes calls to be answered across the Council. 	Elise Hopkins	In Progress	16 March 2023	
	Planning Services Performance & Resources to Deliver New Housing	That a breakdown of housing by type, as set out in paragraph 3.3 to the report, be provided to Members.	Alison Ives	In Progress	16 March 2023	