

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.
10 October 2022	Registered providers of social housing	<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</p>	Simon Neilson Craig Goodall	Complete	12 December 2022	<p>Recommendations reported to Cabinet on 19 October.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed to provide reports requested to SOC on 12 December 2022.</p>

		is a need for increased competition in the social housing sector within Walsall.				
		<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	Complete	30 November 2022	Majority of information provided to Members in October 2022. Community Housing Officers shared 1 December 2022. Further details on pin drop e-mailed to Members on 2.3.23.
		<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>	GreenSquareAccord	Complete	n/a	Information provided to Members via email in October 2022.

		<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>				
	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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The full data set which informed the presentation, as submitted as an appendix to the October 2022 Cabinet report; 2. The weblink to the Local government Association's 'LG Inform' database and benchmarking system; 3. Statistics regarding contamination rates in recycling services, on a ward-by-ward basis, or 	Karen Griffiths	Complete	31 January 2023	E-mailed on 8.3.23

		<p>as close to a ward-by-ward basis as is possible.</p> <p>4. That future quarterly reports on Council Plan Markers of Success incorporate and apply national benchmarking criteria, or benchmarking criteria from similar Local Authorities;</p>				
		<p>That the Council Plan Markers of Success be added to the Committee's work programme on following the end of Quarter 2;</p>	Craig Goodall	Complete	2 December 2022	Added to work programme.
	Effectiveness of Overview & Scrutiny	<p>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.</p>	<p>Deborah Hindson</p> <p>Craig Goodall</p>	Complete	11 January 2023	Training session provided on 16 January 2023.
		<p>That external training for overview and scrutiny members takes place annually and that all members should be required to attend.</p>	Craig Goodall	In progress	30 June 2023	Email sent to Members by Craig Goodall, 28 February.

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	Complete	16 March 2023	E-mailed on 8.3.23
	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	Complete	16 March 2023	On the SOC agenda for 16 March 2023.
		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	Complete	16 March 2023	Shared 07/02/2023

07 February 2023	Corporate Financial Performance 2022/23 – 7 month position ended 31 October 2022	That the full list of mitigating actions taken in response to the forecast overspend, as set out in the report submitted to cabinet, be shared with members of the Committee.	Shaun Darcy	Complete	20 April 2023	E-mailed to Members on 9 th February 2023.
	Draft revenue budget and capital programme budget 2023/24 to 2026/27	That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee regarding the draft revenue budget proposals be referred to Cabinet for consideration on 8 February 2023	Nikki Gough	Complete	8 February 2023	Feedback provided to Cabinet on 8 February 2023
		That the Scrutiny Overview Committee request that Cabinet produce a full options appraisal on the future use of the Civic Centre before allocating resources to its refurbishment.	Nikki Gough	Complete	8 February 2023	Feedback provided to Cabinet on 8 February 2023. Report on Council House and Civic Centre being considered by Cabinet on 22 March 2023.
		That Cabinet are requested to consider the impact of the financial overspend within Adult Social Care and Children's Services and that a robust action plan aimed at dealing with the overspend is produced for the next financial year.	Nikki Gough	Complete	8 February 2023	Feedback provided and noted by Cabinet on 8 February 2023.

		That information be provided on funding received for Clean and Green purposes via email.	Simon Neilson	In progress	20 April 2023	
		That information regarding the Aids & Adaptations budget and waiting list be provided to Members via email.		Complete	20 April 2023	E-mailed on 29 th March 2023.
	Community Protection Enforcement	That information be provided regarding the number of scrap metal dealers licensed in Walsall.	David Elrington	Complete	20 April 2023	E-mailed on 14 th March 2023.
	Areas of Focus 2022-23	That the following be added to the Committee's Areas of Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We Are Walsall 2040 draft strategy framework; the Walsall Local Plan (for consideration when appropriate during the next Municipal Year) 	Nikki Gough	Complete		Revised areas of focus submitted to meeting of 16 March 2023.
		That the Children's Play Strategy be referred to the Economy & Environment Committee for consideration as soon as practicable	Nikki Gough	Complete		Considered by the E&E OSC on 28 February 2023.
		That the Black Country UNESCO Global Geopark be referred to the Economy & Environment Committee for consideration at a future meeting	Nikki Gough	Complete		Added to the E&E OSC's work programme on 28 February 2023.

16 March 2023	Member Enquiries	That an out of hours contact for use by Elected Members in case of emergencies be incorporated into the app under development.	Marcus Hobbs	In progress		
	Our Council Plan: Markers of Success Q2 22/23	That the presentation and report submitted to the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 February regarding Childhood Obesity, be distributed to all members of the Scrutiny Overview Committee.	Steven Gunther Nikki Gough	Complete		E-mailed on 12.4.23