

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 5 December 2012

Time: 2.00pm

Place: Meeting Room LB 31/32 - 3rd Floor at Loxley House, Station Street

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting on the date and at the time and place stated to transact the following business.



Acting Corporate Director of Resources

Overview and Scrutiny Review Co-ordinator: Angelika Kaufhold Direct dial - 8764296

A G E N D A

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
- 3 MINUTES** Attached
Meeting held on 3 October 2012 (for confirmation)
- 4 CHILD POVERTY IN NOTTINGHAM** Attached
Presentation by John Yarham Director Economic Innovation and Employment
- 5 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE CALL-IN PANEL** Attached
Report of Head of Democratic Services
- 6 PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY** Attached
Report of Head of Democratic Services

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MINUTES

of meeting held on **3 October 2012** at Loxley House

from 2.03 pm to 3.40 pm

- ✓ Councillor Parbutt (Chair)
- Councillor Bryan
- Councillor Culley
- ✓ Councillor Choudhry
- Councillor Dewinton (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Hartshorne
- ✓ Councillor Healy
- ✓ Councillor Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor Khan
- Councillor Klein
- Councillor Molife
- ✓ Councillor Parton
- ✓ Councillor Watson
- ✓ Councillor S Williams

✓ indicates present at meeting

In Attendance

- Mr C Capewell - Team Leader, Bridge/Drains, Highway Design
- Mr P Daniels - Senior Drainage Engineer, Highway Design
- Mr D Woolley) Environment Agency
- Mr M Wray)
- Ms F Bull - Severn Trent Water
- Ms A Kaufhold) Overview and Scrutiny Review Co-ordinator
- Mr N McMenamin)

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bryan (other Council business), Culley, Dewinton, Hartshorne, Klein (other Council business) and Molife, and from Mrs B Denby, 3rd Sector Advocate.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

30 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

31 THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010

RESOLVED that the report of the Head of Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated be noted.

32 THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010 - PRESENTATION

The Committee received for information a presentation provided by Mr C Capewell and Mr P Daniels from Highway Design Section, Nottingham City Council.

The information provided in the presentation included:

- arising from the findings of the Pitt Review into the severe flooding experienced throughout England and Wales in 2007, the City Council now had a new role as Lead Local Flood Authority, assisted by the Environment Agency which retained responsibility for main rivers and Severn Trent Water, whose remit remained the foul and surface water sewer network;
- among the responsibilities currently being undertaken or developed were the development of an Asset Register and local Strategy, the conduct of formal investigations under Section 19 of the Act, involvement in Regional Flood and Coastal Committees and the further development of partnership working protocols. These were particularly important, given that responsibility for flooding issues cut across a range of functions, including pollution control, climate change, parks and open spaces, planning and development management, highways and emergency planning;
- a breakdown of 2 major flooding incidents in June and July 2012, and their aftermath. Actions identified as working well included keeping watercourse grills clear, repeated clearing of gullies in known hotspot areas, good communications levels between partner agencies, and good cross-boundary partnership working with borough councils. Other measures, included the laying of new porous block paving, local floodgates on Council property and large kerb gullies, worked very well, with no flooding or standing water reported;
- communications with Nottingham City Homes, especially in respect of sandbag provision and gully cleaning, were highlighted as working less well, and action was being taken to improve lines of communication;
- arising from these major incidents, an updated hot spot list was being compiled, a revised road gully cleaning regime, including localised evening cleaning, had

been implemented, while consideration was being given to having flood protection equipment stored in secure containers on a locality basis.

During discussion the following comments were made and information was provided in response to questions:

- councillors acknowledged that gully cleansing was problematic in areas with narrow terraced streets, and welcomed a move to evening cleaning, as there was a citizen perception that gullies were not cleaned as often as was the case. It was confirmed that there was a correlation between flood risk areas and roads that were difficult to access for gully cleansing equipment;
- it was explained that a Nottingham-Derby-Leicester joint project on highway drainage had led to the development of a joint Good Practice Guide, based on pooled intelligence and expertise. Each city had conducted a benchmarking survey in 2011, which provided a sound basis on which to map objectives and priorities. Intelligence and data mapping on drainage was being constantly upgraded, with local knowledge formally captured, and this had revealed that not every gully was being cleaned every year, as was previously believed;
- Nottingham's gully cleansing performance compared favourably with that of Derby and Leicester, especially in terms of value for money, as Nottingham operated one-person crews, unlike the other 2 cities;
- the Environment Agency advised that a 'carrot and stick' approach was being adopted to help ensure that borough and district councils had local plans in place, in line with the legislation;
- Central government policy had moved from provision of match funding to 'payment by results', meaning that longer term funding was to be linked to the numbers of homes protected by flood alleviation programmes. This approach was being taken with smaller schemes for the first time, with contributions from businesses expected to benefit from such schemes.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the appreciation of the Committee for the information provided by Ms Bull, Mr Capewell, Mr Daniels and Mr Wray be recorded;**
- (2) that Mr Capewell circulate copies of the documents below to the members of this committee:**
 - (a) The 3 Cities Good Practice Guide;**
 - (b) The Core Cities 'Highway Drainage Benchmarking Survey';**
- (3) that contributors give consideration to engaging the City Council's Development Control Committee, via the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, to seek to 'mainstream' technological developments, such as porous block paving, into the planning process;**

- (4) that the Committee consider adding the following to the Committee's Work Programme 'How can the City Council's neighbourhood working model help inform the development and delivery of Sustainable Urban Drainage systems?'

33 PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY

Further to minute 27 dated 5 September 2012, consideration was given to a report of the Head of Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated.

The report was introduced by Ms A Kaufhold, Overview and Scrutiny Review Co-ordinator, who explained that a future agenda planning revision exercise had been conducted, from which a series of proposed outcomes, at Appendix 2B to the report, had been compiled. These proposals ranged from prioritising issues for consideration or requesting and compiling additional information for the Committee's consideration, to removing items from the work programme. The Committee's previous commitment to pilot the 'Hertfordshire' scrutiny model, where appropriate, was important for helping achieve timely scrutiny reviews in the future.

Ms Kaufhold also reported that, arising from discussions relating to the work programme and suggestions by councillors, further topics had been identified as potential items for review, including the Nottingham Growth Plan, neighbourhood working and structures and family support strategy.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposals for prioritising and managing the work programme as detailed at Appendix 2B to the report be approved;
- (2) that the following topics be added to the work programme for consideration at future Overview and Scrutiny meetings, as detailed at Appendix 3:
- The Nottingham Growth Plan;
 - Neighbourhood working and structures;
 - Family support strategy.

34 RESPONSE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES RELATING

RESOLVED that the response from the Director of Neighbourhood Services relating to ward councillor engagement in budget decisions and planning applications etc be noted.

35 CANCELLATION OF MEETING

RESOLVED that the meeting scheduled to take place on 7 November 2012 be cancelled.

Child Poverty in Nottingham

National Policy

- The Child Poverty Bill was introduced to the House of Commons on 11 June 2009 and obtained Royal Assent on 25 March 2010.
- The Act requires the Secretary of State to meet four targets to eradicate child poverty by 2020. It requires a strategy every three years (first being in spring 2011) to meet these targets and report annually on progress.
- The Act is jointly sponsored by the Department for Education, the Department for Work and Pensions, and Her Majesty's Treasury.
- The Government is now launching a consultation on a new way of measuring child poverty (although it is still committed to eradicating it).
- This consultation considers measuring poverty not just by income but also introducing a number of extra dimensions such as debt levels, poor housing, parental skills, family stability, parental health.

Nottingham Poverty Data

- Nottingham has 34.5% of children in poverty. Over 21,000 children (9th highest rate in England)
 - Aspley, St. Ann's & Bulwell have highest rates of children in Workless Households
 - Child poverty is below 60% median income before housing costs
 - Source:- <http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/childpoverty/b0066347/child-poverty-data>
- Nottingham has 23% of children in severe poverty (6th highest in England)
 - Recommended by Frank Field's Independent Review, severe poverty measures households where income is below 50% of median income and material deprivation is experienced. Material deprivation defined as where both adults and children lack at least one or two basic necessity. Affects the ability to carry out basic decoration, have household appliances repaired, buy home contents insurance, save a small amount or have a weeks holiday.
 - Source:- <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/resources/online-library/severe-child-poverty-nationally-and-locally>
- A further 21,800 children live in 'low income' households (35.8%)
 - Dales, Leen Valley & Berridge have highest rates of children in 'Low Income' households
 - Low Income households are those working and claiming both the Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit – snapshot data previously provided by HMRC indicated that within Nottingham 90% of these households had incomes below £16,500 and 50% below £9,325
 - Source:- <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/stats/personal-tax-credits/final-award-geog.htm>

Nottingham Poverty Data

2010/11 Nottingham & Comparator data

Children in workless households	No.	%
Nottingham City	21,000	34.5
Broxtowe	3,200	14.7
Gedling	3,600	15.1
Rushcliffe	1,900	7.7
Greater Nottingham*	29,700	22.6
% In City	70.7	
East Midlands	181,100	18.3
England	2,340,400	20.0

Nottingham accounts for 70% of children living in workless households in Greater Nottingham

Nottingham data over time

Children in workless households	Number	%
2005/06	20,300	33.7
2006/07	20,200	33.7
2007/08	19,960	33.1
2008/09	21,030	34.7
2009/10	21,300	35
2010/11	21,000	34.5

Children in workless households have increased slightly but those in low income have increased faster. Indicate a more people moving to part time and low paid employment

Children in low ioncome households	Number	%
2005/06	17,570	29.2
2006/07	18,230	30.4
2007/08	19,230	31.9
2008/09	20,390	33.7
2009/10	21,100	34.6
2010/11	21,800	35.8

Summary of Performance against the Child Poverty-Related Indicators

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	DOT
Employment rate	63.7%	59.9%	53.6%	59.1%	60.0%	→
% of adults with at least Level 2 qualifications	55.6%	61%	61.4%	66.7%	tbc	↑
The teenage pregnancy rate (per 1000 pop.)	73.6	69.3	61.9	61.6	54.3	↑
% of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths	34.7%	41.4%	44.2%	46.7%	49.1%	↑

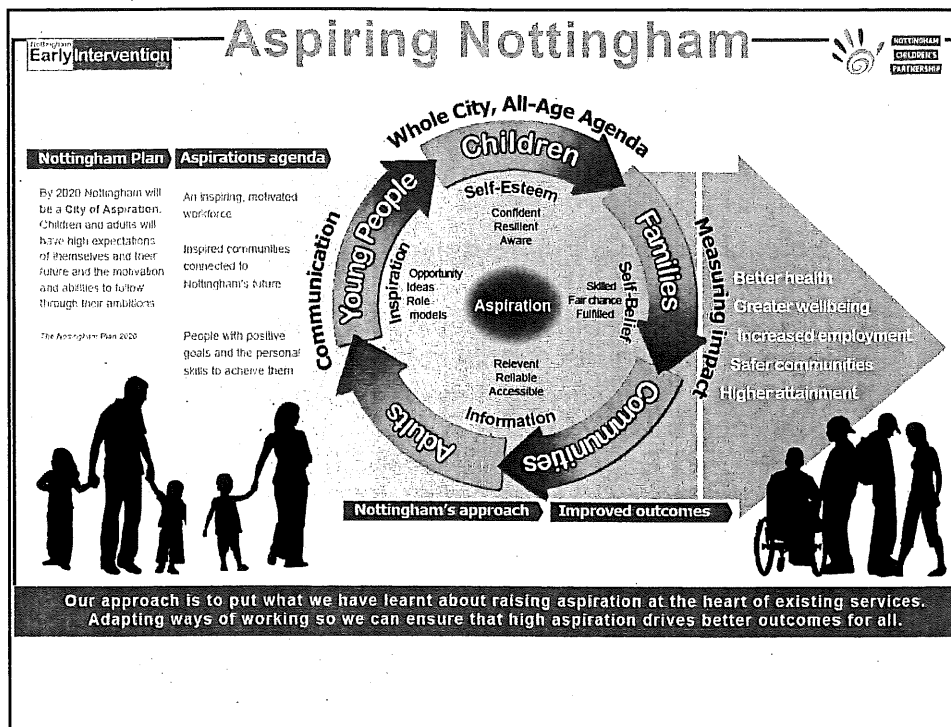
ACTIVITY TO TACKLE CHILD POVERTY

Children & Families key activity

- Dept for Education Early Years 2 year old programme – 1,400 free places for 2 year olds, 15 hours per week, starting Sept 2013
- Dept Work & Pensions Working Links programme for families with multiple issues c.200 referrals initiated and starting programme
- Dept for Communities Priority Families programme will work with 1,200 over next 3 years – operational rollout across priority wards underway
- Parenting programmes run by Family Community Teams have been attended by 475 individuals from 270 families over the last year
- 2 x Mentoring/befriending services – Homestart and Family Lives – both use volunteers to support families with children who are experiencing difficulties. They offer social, emotional and practical support in the home as well as group sessions and workshops. Over 250 families supported last year.

Tackling Teenage Pregnancy

- Education for young people about sex and relationships: Healthy Schools Initiative.
- Provision of appropriate and targeted contraceptive and sexual health services: School Nurses; Outreach; 'Your Welcome'.
- Working with teenage parents to help break the cycle of disadvantage: Family Nurse Partnership; Family Community Teams.



Employment & Skills 2012/13 Key Initiatives

- 'Employer Hub' – Employer Hub established to provide a recruitment service for City Employers and match local people to local jobs
- 200 individuals into employment since 1st April 2012 (including 43 apprenticeships).
- The Employer Hub has 2.5 dedicated staff. It is funded by a combination of council funding, employer contribution (section 106) and income from the DWP Innovation Fund. Funded until March 2015
- Section 106 - Over 1,000 employment opportunities agreed with developers. £105K received from developers. 139 city residents placed in employment since April 2012.
- Procurement - Inclusion of E & T questions in tendering process for goods and services over £200K.

Employment & Skills 2012/13 Key Initiatives

- Nottingham Jobs Fund - Established in 2011 and funded until March 2014 (£2.2m)
- Designed to encourage employers to create new jobs for unemployed young people in the city.
- 53 placed in employment since 1st April (82 in total). 36 jobs vacancies live at the JCP.
- Community Engagement – Over 5,000 jobs seekers attended the 2012 Community Jobs Fairs (incl: the Nottingham Jobs Fair on 25th Sept). Predicted to generate 500+ jobs
- Innovation Fund - Futures are working with 866 young people at present and over 500 have been placed in learning provision or work.

Disability

- A joint report with The Children's Society and Disability Rights UK on the findings of an inquiry led by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. Whilst many people may be better off under universal credit, this inquiry identified that several key groups would lose out financially under the new system. Up to half a million disabled people could lose out under universal credit once it is fully implemented. This includes:
 - 230,000 severely disabled people nationally who live alone, or with only a young carer – usually lone parents with school age children – will get between £28 and £58 less in benefits every week.
 - up to 116,000 disabled people nationally who work will be at risk of losing around £40 a week.
 - Existing claimants will not lose out immediately as their current levels of benefit will be protected at point of transfer to universal credit. However, they will have their level of benefit frozen with no increases to take account of rising prices and they may see their support cut immediately if their household circumstances change. New claimants will be affected by this cut immediately.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 DECEMBER 2012
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CALL-IN PANEL 2012/13
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

To appoint a chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Call-in Panel for the remainder of the municipal year 2012/13.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to appoint a Chair for the Call-in Panel for the remainder of the municipal year 2012/13.

3. Background information

The Chair of the Call-in Panel is usually appointed at the first meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 May 2012. Unfortunately, this appointment was not made and Councillor Parbutt was appointed Chair for the meeting, at the Call-in Panel which met on 24 October 2012. In order to ensure consistency the Committee is asked to formally appoint a Chair.

4. List of attached information

None.

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None.

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None.

7. Wards affected

Citywide.

8. Contact information

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 DECEMBER 2012
PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

To produce a well-managed and co-ordinated work programme for scrutiny which ensures that available resources are used to their full potential to make a positive impact on improving the wellbeing of local communities and people who live and/or work in Nottingham.

2. Action required

That the Committee:

- a) **notes the action being taken by the Overview and Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators, as agreed at the last meeting, shown at appendix 1;**
- b) **agrees the amended title of the following scrutiny review panel - "How is the changing relationship between schools, academies and the Council being managed and who will be responsible for educational performance outcomes for children?"**
- c) **raise any items for future potential policy briefing sessions;**
- d) **note that the Nottingham Growth Plan will be scrutinised at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 9 January 2013.**

3. Background information

3.1 The O&S Work Programme

At the meeting held on 5 September 2012, the Committee agreed to the implementation of a priority methodology to review the list of possible items which has been increasing throughout this year. Both Overview and Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators were tasked to work through the list and identify items which could purely require an update or briefing, items which could be reviewed as spot light single meeting topics (as undertaken in Hertfordshire County Council) and those which would still merit a meaningful review to be undertaken.

3.2 When considering items on the work programme the following should be borne in mind:

- **timescales should be realistic but challenging**
- **available resources should be taken into account**
- **a balance between topic areas and a mix of in-depth and sharper, focused work should be aimed for**
- **flexibility to include unplanned scrutiny work requested in-year should be assumed.**

The feasibility criteria includes:

<p>Decision making and being a critical friend</p>	<p>Is it a topic/decision recorded on the Council's Executive Board Forward Plan which requires consultation with Scrutiny as a requirement <u>prior</u> to the decision being taken. Yes – include. No – apply other criteria and consider removing</p>	
<p>Public Interest and relevance</p>	<p>Is the topic still relevant in terms of it still being an issue for citizens, partners or the council in terms of performance, delivery or cancellation of services? Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion No – apply other criteria and consider removing</p>	
<p>Ability to change or influence</p>	<p>Can the Committee actively influence the council or its partners to accept recommendations and ensure positive outcomes for citizens and therefore be able to demonstrate the value and impact that scrutiny can have? Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion No – apply other criteria and consider removing</p>	
<p>Range and scope of impact</p>	<p>Is this a large topic area impacting on significant areas of the population and the council's partners <u>or significant impact on minority groups.</u></p> <p>Is there interest from partners and colleagues to undertake and support this review and will it be beneficial? Yes – apply other criteria and consider inclusion No – apply other criteria and consider removing</p>	
<p>Avoidance of duplication of effort</p>	<p>Is this topic area very similar to one already being scrutinised in another arena or has it already been investigated in the recent past? Yes – consider involvement in the existing activity or consider removing No – apply other criteria and consider inclusion.</p>	

3.3 Items may be identified in year through the Forward Plan of Key decisions. In preparing for the meeting, the Forward Plan has been reviewed and any issues for possible consideration will be reported at the meeting. Councillors can view the Forward Plan in the Committee Online section of the Council's Internet.

4. List of attached information

The following information can be found in the appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Programme for scrutiny

Appendix 2 – Programme for Scrutiny: Scrutiny panel reviews

Appendix 3 – Programme for Scrutiny: Overview and Scrutiny Committee future agenda plan

Appendix 4 – Current scrutiny review panel membership

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7 March 2012, 14 May, 7 June, 5 July, 5 September and 3 October 2012.

Executive Forward Plan

7. Wards affected

Citywide

8. Contact information

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Programme for Scrutiny: Summary of current and future work schedule 5 December 2012

Note: All items and timescales are subject to amendment depending upon a range of factors including progress of work; availability of key contributors; changing priorities. Once a scrutiny review has been completed it is removed from this summary work schedule.

	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	The Nottingham Growth Plan	Neighbourhood Working Structure	Family Support Strategy	
Call In Panel				
Health Scrutiny Panel	Nottingham CityCare Partnership Quality Account			
Joint Health Committee	Patient Transport services Quality accounts	Dementia Care - Update (Nottingham University Hospitals Trust) Out of Hours Services - Update (NHS Nottingham City / NHS Nottinghamshire County) Mental Health Utilisation Review - Update NHS Nottingham City CCG and NHS Nottinghamshire County CCG in conjunction with the local authorities	Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust – Cancellation of non-urgent elective operations since January 2012 – update (Nottingham University Hospitals Trust)	
REVIEW PANELS				
Personal Budgets (AK)	Report			Response to recs
Resettlement of Prisoners (NMc)	Report			Response to recs
Nottingham City Homes	Scope and Evidence	Evidence	Report	
Changing relationship between the Council, schools and academies	Scope and Evidence	Evidence	Report	
Is the funding available for tree management and maintenance being used in the most efficient and effective way possible? Are there any improvements needed to manage and maintain	One off review based on Hertfordshire model			

<p>trees across the City and, if so, what? How is the Council managing the problems caused by tree roots, in particular damage to pavements/ roads?</p>				
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Programme for Scrutiny: Scrutiny Panel Reviews 2012/13
A. Current scrutiny reviews

Remit for review (as set by Overview and Scrutiny Committee)	Progress/ notes	Chair
1. Personal budgets – Are there tensions between choice and autonomy for the individual and the Council's ability to provide the level and range of services that enable choice? ACTIVE (AK)	Review in progress – evidence gathering meetings taken place on 24/07/12 and 24/09/12, final evidence gathering meeting expected at end November and a final public meeting to consider the report in December 2012.	Brian Parbutt
2. How well are partners working together on effective resettlement and rehabilitation and resettlement within Nottingham's communities of adult male and female prisoners following release from prison? ACTIVE (NMC)	Review in progress evidence gathering meetings already taken place on 20/07/12, 13/09/12, 21/09/12 and 28/09/12.	Emma Dewinton
3. Is the funding available for tree management and maintenance being used in the most efficient and effective way possible? Are there any improvements needed to manage and maintain trees across the City and, if so, what? How is the Council managing the problems caused by tree roots, in particular damage to pavements/ roads?	This is proposed to be a one off review based on the Hertfordshire model	
4. How effective is the route that Nottingham City Homes' tenants have to follow to get a good quality housing repair, and how does Nottingham City Homes ensure its commissioning and procurement procedures ensure contractors for example for the Decent Homes Standards provide good quality, timely repairs which are quality assured? (NEW) (NMC)	Scoping meeting to be arranged for November Topic identified by Council colleagues. Suggest timescale of 2-4 meetings	Stephen Parton
5. How is the changing relationship between schools, academies and the Council being managed and who will be responsible for educational performance outcomes for children? (NEW)(AK)	Scoping meeting to be arranged for November Suggested timescale 2-3 meetings	Glyn Jenkins
5. How effective is drug education in schools in reducing drug use amongst young people, and how are those young people who do not attend school reached? (AK)	Report published on 28 May 2012. Friday 5 October 2012 – meeting to receive responses to recommendations (public meeting)	Glyn Jenkins
6. How can we address fuel poverty, and consequent negative outcomes, in the light of the current recession?	Recommendations made – written response to implementation of recs expected from PHD – final meeting on 8 October 2012	Steve Parton

Remit for review (as set by Overview and Scrutiny Committee)	Progress/ notes	Chair
6. How is the Council ensuring that the voluntary sector is aware of, and fully consulted on future budget proposals relevant to their work? (AK)	Response to recommendations received and published. Review progress in implementation of agreed recommendations (in 2013)	Brian Parbutt

B. Potential scrutiny review topics

List of topics identified by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be revisited for potential inclusion on the current work schedule as resource is available/ at the appropriate time.

	Comments/ notes
1. How can the City Council's neighbourhood working model help inform the development and delivery of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems?	Raised at OSC on 3 October 2012 New
2. How is the council addressing the shortage of school places and impact on families where they are unable to get a place in their local, catchment school?	Raised at OSC on 7 June 2012. This is a major issue impacting on parents across the city. Proposal: topic remains on the work programme.
3. How can OSC conduct scrutiny into the issue of domestic violence among elderly dementia sufferers in the home setting, alongside consideration of wider Adult Services issues.	Raised at OSC on 5 July 2012.
4. How are the Council and partners addressing the needs of older carers? (OSC 27 July 2011, minutes - appendix list of review topics)	Action being taken: The two chairs, supported by NMc and Andrew Hall to establish a process for 'referrals' to the Health and Wellbeing Board from the OSC; then submit a 'referral' to the Health and Wellbeing Board asking how these concerns are being address by partners.
5. What progress has been made in engaging under-represented groups, such as men, in health improvement work to address health inequalities in the City? How to best measure and track performance against mental health and well-being targets and how health messages could be used to promote healthy lifestyles (OSC 7 December 2011, minute 24 ((2)(a-c))	Topic identified during health inequalities discussion (December 2011). Area highlighted by colleagues as current focus for action – possibly review progress in 12 months time (December 2012?). Suggest timescale of 1 meeting Action being taken: Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators to seek update from Public Health colleagues to identify what work has already taken place and is planned on this issue; then consider whether further scrutiny is required.
6. How can strategic decision-making and service planning be better informed by information about neighbourhood issues gathered through the councillor casework system and local neighbourhood action work?	Background research has identified that while the councillor casework system works well in terms of dealing with individual pieces of casework, there could be scope for improving how this links with other sources of information about ward/ neighbourhood issues and is used to inform strategic planning. Suggest timescale of 1-2 meetings

	Comments/ notes
	<p>Action being taken: Chair plus one other member of OSC to meet with key colleagues to identify what progress has been made to improve the way that the casework system and local neighbourhood action work communicate to ensure the best outcomes for citizens. Following this meeting OSC to consider whether further scrutiny is necessary.</p>
<p>7. How does the Council support the promotion of cycling in Nottingham as a means of addressing its Green Nottingham and Healthy Nottingham Council priorities and how are the super transport hubs being developed and linked in with this?</p>	<p>To contact and liaise with transport colleagues and the Pedals organisation in the first instance for further advice (identified at OSC in Mar 2012). Extended to include consideration of Super transport hubs at OSC on 7 June 2012.</p> <p>Action being taken: Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators to seek update on the activity and progress of schemes to establish whether there is any need for further review.</p>
<p>8. How can the Council best manage the transition within the housing benefits regime to the universal credit system and changes in benefits payments and what measures are being put in place to support people during the transition?</p>	<p>To contact and liaise with the Head of Revenues, Benefits and Welfare Rights be approached in the first instance for further advice (identified at OSC Mar 2012). Remit extended and an update on progress requested at OSC on 7 June 2012 – briefing arranged to take place after OSC on 5 September 2012.</p> <p>At present this can be considered an information item. A briefing session was held following the OSC committee on 5 September 2012 which related to the consultation on the Council Tax benefit changes.</p> <p>Action being taken: a further policy briefing session to take place in January 2013 relating to the broader impact of the universal credit changes. At this stage the OSC could decide whether there is a need for a scrutiny review.</p>
<p>9. How effective is the traffic management service in responding to the negative impact on communities of displaced parking across the City? (OSC 27 July 2011, minutes – appendix list of review topics)</p>	<p>Consideration needs to be given as to whether this is still a priority, whether it should now be scheduled as a review panel topic and more in depth focus and membership. NB As the Work Place Parking Levy was only formally introduced on 1 April 2012 – this topic could be addressed later in the year when the real impact can be more accurately assessed.</p>

	Comments/ notes
	<p>Action being taken: Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators to seek update on what monitoring is taking place on the impact of displaced parking across the city, to establish the need for review. (NB The focus of any review is not to be about the Work Place Parking Levy itself, but the impact of any displaced parking which has arisen since its implementation.)</p>
<p>10. How can the Council support the private sector to ensure its activity in relation to corporate social responsibility supports and complements a thriving voluntary and community sector?</p>	<p>Topic identified during voluntary sector discussion (November 2011) Further information to be requested</p>
<p>11. How can the scrutiny of Nottingham City Homes and registered social landlord's performance be embedded within City Council Process? (OSC – January 2012, minute 29 (2)(c))</p>	<p>Topic identified at OSC on 11 January 2012, during discussion of Managing the Council's performance, as monitoring of NCH was not integrated within the Organisational Planning and Performance Function. It was suggested that the Ward Forums being set up could provide a route for NCH and wider housing related issues and concerns to be made to OSC. (NCH publishes monthly and quarterly performance reports and ward councillors hold regular meetings).</p> <p>Action being taken: request a briefing paper and the committee to decide whether a review is still needed.</p>
<p>12. What measures can be taken to minimise the negative impact of derelict and empty private properties (residential and commercial) on a local community?</p>	<p>Review postponed from autumn 2011 to avoid duplication with Executive work underway in relation to service reorganisation. Revisit at later stage to identify whether it remains an issue for scrutiny.</p> <p>Action being taken: Scrutiny Review Co-ordinators to seek update on progress with service reorganisation from the appropriate Portfolio Holder and Councillor Dewinton, who has been involved in this. The Committee can then decide if a review is needed or to remove this item.</p>
<p>13. How can the 24 hour economy be managed to reduce the prevalence of binge drinking in the City?</p>	<p>Topic identified by Crime and Drugs Partnership. Many potential contributors to a review of this issue are currently engaged in</p>

Comments/ notes	
implementing recommendations from the Alcohol Related Harm review.	<p>Action being taken: to consider what value could be added by a further review of alcohol to ensure that there is no duplication with the scrutiny being carried out by the One Nottingham Board. If so, this could be removed from the work programme.</p>

**Programme for Scrutiny: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Future Agenda Plan
2012/13**

Date of meeting	Agenda item
9 January 2013	The Nottingham Growth Plan (added at mtg held on 03/10/12)
6 February 2013	Neighbourhood Working Structures (added at mtg held on 03/10/12)
6 March 2013	Family Support Strategies (raised at mtg held on 05/09/12 and added at mtg held on 03/10/12)
3 April 2013	

Italics identify items that have not yet been confirmed.

Current scrutiny review panel membership 2012/13

Following establishment of the remit, membership and chairing arrangements for the following scrutiny review panels by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, councillors have been nominated by Group Whips to be members of the review panels as set out below.

Scrutiny review: Personal budgets – Are there tensions between choice and autonomy for the individual and the Council’s ability to provide the level and range of services that enable choice? (ACTIVE)

- Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)
- Councillor Georgina Culley
- Councillor Glyn Jenkins
- Councillor Ginny Klein
- Councillor Thulani Molife
- Councillor Steph Williams

Scrutiny review: How well are partners working together on effective rehabilitation and resettlement within Nottingham’s communities of adult male and female prisoners following release from prison? (ACTIVE)

- Councillor Emma Dewinton (Chair)
- Councillor John Hartshorne
- Councillor Rosemary Healy
- Councillor Thulani Molife
- Councillor Steve Parton
- Councillor Marcia Watson

Scrutiny review: Is the funding available for tree management and maintenance being used in the most efficient and effective way possible? Are there any improvements needed to manage and maintain trees across the City and, if so, what? How is the Council managing the problems caused by tree roots, in particular damage to pavements/ roads? Membership and Chair to be decided.

Scrutiny review: How is the changing relationship between schools, academies, the Council and the wider community impacting upon issues that need to be addressed (amended)? (New for autumn/winter)

- Councillor Glyn Jenkins (Chair)
- Councillor Morley
- Councillor Healey
- Councillor Molife
- Councillor Choudhury
- Plus one tba

Scrutiny review: How effective is the route that Nottingham City Homes’ tenants have to follow to get a good quality housing repair, and does Nottingham City Homes ensure its commissioning and procurement procedures ensure contractors, for example those who worked on the Decent Homes Standard, provide good quality, timely repairs which are quality assured? (New for autumn/winter)

- Councillor Stephen Parton (Chair)
- Cllr Liaqat Ali
- Cllr Azad Choudhry

- Cllr Gul Khan
- Cllr Bill Ottewell

Reviews progressed and reports published 2012:

Scrutiny review: To consider the Housing Nottingham Plan Consultation : the Panel will consider the issues raised in the Housing Nottingham Plan Consultation and respond as appropriate on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: (spotlight review completed on 18/09/12)

- Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)
- Councillor A Choudhry
- Councillor E Dewinton
- Councillor S Parton

Scrutiny review: How effective is drug education in schools in reducing drug use amongst young people, and how are those young people who do not attend school reached?

- Councillor Glyn Jenkins (Chair)
- Councillor Rosemary Healy
- Councillor Eileen Morley
- Councillor Bill Ottewell
- Councillor Mohammad Saghir
- Councillor Marcia Watson
- David Richards (Church of England Statutory Co-opted Member)
- Ken Daly (Roman Catholic Statutory Co-opted Member)
- Claire Smith (Parent Governor Representative Statutory Co-opted Member)
- Assim Ishaque (Parent Governor Representative Statutory Co-opted Member)

Scrutiny review: How can we address fuel poverty, and consequent negative outcomes, in the light of the current recession?

- Councillor Steve Parton (Chair)
- Councillor Ginny Klein
- Councillor John Hartshorne
- Councillor Steph Williams
- Labour group vacancy
- Labour group vacancy

Reviews completed and closed down in 2012

Scrutiny review: Alcohol related harm

- Councillor Emma Dewinton (Chair)
- Councillor Merlita Bryan
- Councillor Georgina Culley
- Councillor John Hartshorne
- Councillor Ginny Klein

Scrutiny review: Dementia (early diagnosis)

- Councillor Ginny Klein (Chair)
- Councillor Emma Dewinton
- Councillor Steve Parton
- Councillor David Smith

Scrutiny review: How is the Council ensuring that the voluntary sector is aware of, and fully consulted on future budget proposals relevant to their work?

- Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)
- Councillor Mohammad Aslam
- Councillor Azad Choudhry
- Councillor Georgina Culley
- Councillor Sue Johnson
- Councillor Jackie Morris

