



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Time: 2.00 pm

Place: Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham,
NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

Corporate Director for Resilience

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 7 September 2016 from 14.00 - 15.56

Membership

Present

Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan (Vice Chair)
Councillor Azad Choudhry
Councillor Josh Cook
Councillor Georgina Culley
Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora
Councillor Glyn Jenkins
Councillor Sue Johnson
Councillor Neghat Nawaz Khan (minutes 18-20 inclusive)
Councillor Anne Peach

Absent

Beverley Frost
Councillor Leslie Ayoola
Councillor Pat Ferguson
Councillor Ginny Klein
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Councillor Alan Clark - Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability
Richard Antcliff - Chief Licensing, Trading Standards and ASB Officer
Nancy Barnard - Governance Manager
Catherine Ziane-Pryor - Governance Officer

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Pat Ferguson (personal)
Beverley Frost

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Although not in attendance at this point of the meeting, during consideration of minute 18 (agenda item 4) 'Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability', Councillor Neghat Khan informed the Committee that she is a Director of Robin Hood Energy. This did not preclude her from speaking on the item.

17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18 DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

During consideration of this item, Councillor Neghat Khan informed the Committee that she is a Director of Robin Hood Energy. This did not preclude her from speaking on the item.

Councillor Alan Clark, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability, identified the three key Council Plan priorities within his portfolio against which progress could be measured:

- (i) Bring low cost energy to all through the creation of the Council's own not-for-profit energy company;
- (ii) Use smart metering and remote control technology to help keep energy bills down;
- (iii) Make the Council the most customer friendly in the country with even more ways to interact with the Council than ever before.

Councillor Clark highlighted progress and responded to Councillor's questions as follows:

Bring low cost energy to all through the creation of the Council's own not-for-profit energy company.

Robin Hood Energy

- (a) as of today Robin Hood Energy (RHE) has been operating for one year. This has been marked by a celebration event to which local media were invited;
- (b) Several high profile ministers and environmental leaders have visited Nottingham and been supportive in the creation of RHE and due to its success and objectives, Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Opposition, is to launch an Energy and Environment Policy in Nottingham later this afternoon;
- (c) RHE is meeting its day-to-day running costs and meeting its own (commercially sensitive) targets of customer numbers. It aims to broaden its customer base to include more commercial customers, larger institutions and to offer domestic customers smart meters which can be remotely changed from pre-payment to standard quarterly billing if requested and appropriate;
- (d) RHE recently bid for and was awarded the gas contract for the City Council and will be pursuing other large consumers when their energy contracts are available for tender;
- (e) 'white labelling' has taken longer than predicted but there has been a lot of interest in RHE from other major cities across the Country (with the exception of Bristol which has launched its own energy company) with many interested in the possibility of RHE offering similar not-for-profit services to their citizens and business;
- (f) recruiting and retaining specialist staff had proved more complicated than predicted but from 6 staff initially, the company now has 60 employees;
- (g) the number of small energy companies has doubled in the past year but the majority (approximately 85%) of consumers remain with one of the 6 big energy companies. Historically the big six energy companies do not deliver well on customer service compared to smaller energy companies;

- (h) approximately 60% of new customers contact RHE and sign-up over the telephone. This is the preferred method which gives customers more reassurance enabling questions and queries be answered promptly;
- (i) the City needs to encourage citizens to compare and potentially swap energy suppliers more regularly to ensure that the best energy deals are achieved. As with insurance, there is often little reward for loyalty and substantial savings can be made by changing supplier. Unlike some other larger energy companies, RHE does not operate a contract system where domestic customers are tied to the company for 2 years, only requiring one month's notice to switch supplier with no exit charge. RHE consistently ranks best value for city residents in comparison to other suppliers;
- (j) repayment of the City Council start up loan will begin within the next 2 to 3 months, in line with the financial plan;
- (k) the fall in the value of the pound following Brexit, will impact on energy prices across the board although there may be a slight delay as energy companies agree the purchase price of their fuel up to two years in advance of providing it to customers. RHE has a policy for hedging against price rises but does not hold reserves to balance fluctuations.

EnviroEnergy

- (l) the fundamental difference between RHE and EnviroEnergy (EE) is that EE owns and controls its own production and distribution of energy, whereas RHE only deals in the retail of energy;
- (m) established in the 1970s, heat and electricity is produced from the incineration of refuse. EE owns the pipes through which the steam produced is carried to properties where it provides heating. EE also owns the cabling through which the electricity generated is carried;
- (n) EE and RHE are subject to very different licensing as members of a very heavily regulated industry;
- (o) EE had been losing approximately £1,000,000 per year and was in debt until the City Council took it over. EE has since been turned around and is currently earning profits of approximately £1,000,000;
- (p) whilst EE is aware that there have been some customer issues regarding billing systems, which were antiquated and didn't meet the legal requirements of providing an annual statement, some issues have been resolved but in the longer term, EE intends to purchase the Juniper Billing Management System which RHE currently uses very successfully. However adaptations will need to be made as EE payment arrangements are more complicated.

Further Energy Generation and Insulation Schemes

- (q) solar panels have been fitted to approximately 3,000 Council owned domestic properties and Council homes, primarily in the Aspley area of the City which has

also benefitted from internal and/or external insulation. It was hoped that similar energy saving and generating schemes could be rolled out to non-Council properties but this would legally be too complicated;

- (r) residents of properties which have benefited from installation have found that their energy bills have been reduced by approximately one third. In addition to saving money and therefore tackling fuel poverty, since homes have been insulated, the health and comfort of some residents has improved but this is harder to quantify;
- (s) Nottingham has achieved an ambitious carbon reduction target 4 years early, mainly down to reductions in domestic consumption, the increase in solar panels and improved insulation. Nottingham has the highest proportion of domestic solar panels in the country;
- (t)
- (u) since the solar panel subsidy has been reduced by 90% it is no longer viable to continue to install panels on all types of properties. However, solar panels have been fitted to and around public buildings, such as Leisure Centres, which demand high energy consumption during the day, and therefore benefit most from self-generated solar energy which then costs approximately one third the price of grid supplied electric. The recent installation of solar car ports has proved valuable and other viable sites will be considered as a matter of priority, potentially including park and ride sites;
- (v) Central Government has recently redefined fuel poverty which makes comparisons more difficult to make. Government Policy does demand that by 2019, domestic and commercial landlords will not be able to re-let properties unless they meet energy efficiency standards;
- (w) there are large areas within the City of Victorian housing which cannot easily be insulated as it doesn't have cavity walls and lofts are part of the living space. This sort of housing, which is often rented, contributes to fuel poverty as the cost of properly heating it can be significant and unaffordable. If in a conservation or estate managed area, insulation approaches may be more complex;

Transport

- (x) work is ongoing to encourage low emission and electric vehicles and there are more than 100 electrical charging points available so far throughout the City;
- (y) Central Government has provided funding to monitor air quality and meetings have taken place with Public Health Colleagues to ensure that a broad approach to air quality, not just focusing on diesel vehicles, is considered. Councillor Nick McDonald is leading on the Clean Air Zone and would be best placed to respond further.

Make the Council the most customer friendly in the country with even more ways to interact with the Council than ever before.

- (z) the City Council website has undergone significant changes in the past year to enable citizens to make contact and report issues easily. The way information is presented has been improved and real time communication increased;
- (aa) work is under way to enable citizens to report problems by sending a photo with GIS tracking through Twitter, Facebook, email and the website.

RESOLVED

- (1) to thank the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability for the informative presentation;**
- (2) to consider including Customer Care in the Work Programme for Scrutiny at a future meeting;**
- (3) to discuss the Clean Air Zone with Cllr McDonald when he attends the October meeting of this Committee.**

19 TRADING STANDARDS IN NOTTINGHAM

Richard Antcliff, Chief Licensing, Trading Standards and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Officer, outlined the role and activity of Trading Standards as follows:

- (a) the roles of Chief Licensing, Trading Standards (TS) and ASB Officer have been merged into one post as a reflection of the synergy between the working areas;
- (b) TS consists of two elements:
 - (i) consumer protection, which focuses on weights and measures (including checking of petrol station fuel provision), and also storage of fireworks, managing quality of goods, (including for example Goose Fair merchandise), and legislative quality and safety;
 - (ii) business regulation, including sale of counterfeit and illegal goods and business practices (including car clocking);
- (c) there are 15 Trading Standards Officers which operate at a cost £740,000 per annum but whose operation generates approximately £60,000 per year from the sale of assets purchased from the proceeds of crime. There is very limited opportunity for income generation within this field although the Team can present themselves as a 'Primary Authority' to provide specialist TS advice to businesses;
- (d) TS animal welfare is outsourced to the County Council TS as there is not enough activity within the City to justify a permanent post within the City;
- (e) much of the business which TS deals with is linked to serious organised crime which TS does not get involved with as these are Policing led criminal issues;
- (f) it is known that there are at least 24 organised criminal gangs operating within Nottingham City, several of which appear to be controlled from abroad. The Police focus on criminal activity but TS engage on some aspects of Police intervention such as where counterfeit goods are found;

- (g) counterfeit tobacco is currently a substantial problem in the City and can be hard to trace due to its quick turnover;
- (h) Cyber-crime also falls within the remit of TS with a national TS hub operating in Birmingham which focuses on cyber-crimes, the majority of which operate from abroad. The Birmingham Hub shares information and intelligence gathered by Local Authority TS is shared with the Hub;
- (i) cyber- crime is increasing and becoming more advanced. Whilst the Hub concentrates mainly on activity from abroad, Nottingham TS focuses on activity within the City;
- (j) although communications are on-going throughout the year, 'weeks of action' bring the TS and Environmental Health Teams together to consider specific issues and how each team can contribute to addressing those issues;
- (k) although different types of investigation, there is often a cross-over or link between the focus of TS and ASB Team investigations;
- (l) where an individual is found in possession of counterfeit tobacco, this is not illegal and the focus is on gaining information which may assist the broader investigation. It is only illegal to sell counterfeit tobacco;
- (m) the cost of gaining search warrants has risen significantly, as has the cost of calling in specialist sniffer dogs from Liverpool. However, as concealing of counterfeit goods becomes far more sophisticated, the use of specialist dogs is vital;
- (n) as with all departments, TS has a business plan and produces monthly performance reports which are available to Members of the Committee on request.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the contents of the presentation;**
- (2) to explore whether a further briefing on Trading Standards could be arranged for members of this committee, to take place at Byron House;**
- (3) for the Chair to consider how further Overview and Scrutiny investigation of the activity and operation of TS could be of value.**

20 PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY 2016/17

RESOLVED to note the items scheduled on the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2016/17.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 OCTOBER 2016
DISCUSSION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR JOBS, GROWTH AND TRANSPORT
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 An opportunity to hear from the Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport on his key priorities, objectives in 2016/17 and current challenges.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information received at the meeting from Councillor Nick McDonald, Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport, to inform questioning.

3 Background information

- 3.1 On 9 November 2015, the Council Plan was formally approved by Full Council and this will guide the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the city over the next four years to 2019.
- 3.2 Each Portfolio Holder has been consulted on the deliverables in their area and the Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport will attend the Committee to outline his overall vision for his executive portfolio.
- 3.3 In the Council Plan 2015-19, Councillor Nick McDonald identified the following:

Aims over the next 4 years

- See every person in Nottingham with the skills and ambition to find work and create jobs to give our working age citizens the incentives to seek work and be involved in training and self-improvement by themselves;
- Attract international businesses whilst supporting and enhancing our reputation as a leading Science City;
- Further develop Nottingham's public transport network, ensuring that citizens and visitors can get around the city as well as it being a reason for business to set up and trade effectively in our city.

Key things that we will do

- Guarantee a job, training or further education place for every 18-24 year old;
- Deliver a state of the art new college at the heart of the city centre and develop a skills campus in the north of the city;
- Use our influence to deliver a coordinated further education offer within the city that is judged good or outstanding by Ofsted;
- Establish a local investment bank by 2017 to invest in the local economy;
- Deliver the business support schemes that underpin the City's Growth and City Deal;
- Deliver a simple, integrated 'Oyster' style ticket for our public transport network;
- Get 10% more people walking, cycling or taking public transport to work.

3.4 Since 2011, the portfolio has achieved the following:

- Employment rate is up 63% at the end of 2014 and Job Seekers Allowance claimants are down to the pre-recession levels;
- NET Line 2 and 3 to Clifton and Beeston have been developed, improving access across the City and local areas;
- Local Growth Deal attracting £50m in funding for regeneration and infrastructure projects have been secured;
- Funding for the City's Creative Quarter secured through Nottingham's City Deal worth £60m during 2012;
- Popular events programme held in the Creative Quarter, including LightNitght, Hockley Hustle and Nottinghamshire Pride, which continues to attract new visitors into the area.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Jobs, Growth and Transport – Council Plan 2015-2019

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

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

8 Contact information

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Jobs, Growth and Transport



Portfolio Holder
Councillor Nick McDonald



What we want to achieve over the next 4 years:

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- Establish a local investment bank by 2017 to invest in the local economy
- Deliver the business support schemes that underpin the City's Growth and City Deal **e**
- Deliver a simple, integrated 'Oyster' style ticket for our public transport network
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Our track record so far...

2007-2011

- ▶ By the end of 2011 the employment rate was 59%
- ▶ 2010 Winner of Transport Authority of the year
- ▶ Best rate among core cities for young people, not in education or employment

2011-2015

- ▶ Employment rate up to 63% at the end of 2014 and Jobs Seekers Allowance claimants down to pre-recession levels
- ▶ NET lines 2 and 3 to Clifton and Beeston developed improving access across the City and local area
- ▶ Local Growth Deal attracting £50m in funding for regeneration and infrastructure projects
- ▶ Funding for the city's Creative Quarter secured through Nottingham's City Deal worth £60m during 2012
- ▶ Popular events programme held in the Creative Quarter, including LightNight, Hockley Hustle and Nottinghamshire Pride attracts new visitors into the area

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 OCTOBER 2016
VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANTS IN NOTTINGHAM
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider an update on the Council’s process for voluntary and community sector grant funding in Nottingham.

2 Action required

The Committee is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider the way in which voluntary and community sector grants are processed in Nottingham;
- 2.2 Use the information received at the meeting to scrutinise the process;
- 2.3 Identify any potential areas for further scrutiny for inclusion in the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The community and voluntary sector play an important role in Nottingham, fulfilling a range of needs and services for the community.
- 3.2 Historically, a number of different grant programmes were administered to the Voluntary and Community Sector across various parts of Nottingham City Council. Since 2011, work has taken place to streamline this approach in order to make it simpler and more transparent.
- 3.3 In 2012, the Council undertook a review of the activities and funding of support services to the Voluntary and Community Sector. The Council’s Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee agreed the move to a more streamlined approach to allocating funding, bringing together and replacing existing grant programmes. As part of this process, Voluntary and Community Sector organisations were asked to work in partnership to deliver outcomes and identify a ‘Lead Organisation’ for each partnership.
- 3.4 The Lead Organisation is the provider that has the relationship with Nottingham City Council and the Area Committee and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that all outcomes in an area are delivered. The process dictates that when funding becomes available that is to be invested at an area level, the Lead Organisations will be ideally placed to manage this process. Area based Grants is the funding allocated from

Nottingham City Council to Lead Organisations for the 8 areas across the city.

3.5 Lead Organisations head a partnership or consortium of locally based voluntary and community sector organisations, through which they deliver services to their local communities.

3.6 The Committee will focus on the following:

Since the last funding rounds in 2013, Nottingham has experienced significant changes to its population and overall demographic – how have the new funding arrangements taken account of this?

How does the Council monitor the performance and delivery of Lead Organisations and ensure that they are delivering on priorities?

How does the Council ensure that each area's priorities are developed and shaped differently to meet citizens' needs?

What are the future challenges for organisations delivering services in light of the financial landscape?

4 List of attached information

4.1 None.

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

5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 OCTOBER 2016
PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR RESILIENCE

1. Purpose

To consider and set the overall programme and timetable for scrutiny activity for the forthcoming year.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to

- 2.1 note the items scheduled on the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2016/17.
- 2.2 agree a date, appoint a scrutiny review panel chair and members to the following scrutiny review panel:

To consider the use of enforcement agents (bailiffs) by Nottingham City Council.

3. Background information

- 3.1 One of the main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is setting, managing and co-ordinating the overall programme of scrutiny work. This includes:

- mapping out an initial programme for scrutiny at the start of the municipal year
- monitoring progress against the programme throughout the year, and making amendments as required
- evaluating the impact of scrutiny activity and using lessons learnt to inform future decisions about scrutiny activity.

- 3.4 In setting the programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and is matched against the resources available to deliver the programme. It is intended to hold fewer, but more in depth reviews which will enable panels to explore and challenge more.

Commissioning scrutiny reviews

- 3.5 Delivery of the programme will primarily be through the commissioning of time-limited (2 to 3 meetings maximum) review panels to carry out reviews into specific, focused topics. All reviews must have the potential to make a positive impact on improving the wellbeing of local

communities and people who live and/or work in Nottingham; and to ensure resources are used to their full potential, reviews must have a clear and tight focus and be set a realistic but challenging timetable for their completion.

- 3.6 In setting the programme of scrutiny reviews, it is important that the programme has flexibility to incorporate unplanned scrutiny work requested in-year. However, the Committee will only be able to schedule unplanned work after it has reassessed priorities across the scrutiny programme and considered the impact on existing reviews of the diversion of resources. When the Committee monitors the overall programme for scrutiny at each meeting there will be opportunity to do this.
- 3.7 The Committee held a workshop session in March 2016 and identified a number of areas for consideration during 2016/17. These topics have been identified and are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.8 When establishing a review panel, the Committee needs to decide on:
- a clear and tight remit for the review
 - a timescale within which the review should be carried out
 - size of review panel, including whether any co-opted members should be involved
 - chair of the review panel (to be appointed from the pool of five scrutiny chairs)

and should have regard to the need over the year to engage as many councillors as possible in the scrutiny process.

Policy briefings

- 3.9 Through the process of developing the programme for scrutiny, the Committee may identify issues which call for a policy briefing. The purpose of these briefings is to inform councillors about a current key issue or to prepare councillors for review work that has been commissioned. These informal briefings will not be occasions for scrutiny to be carried out, although they may result in a suggestion for a new scrutiny topic, which would need to be considered by this Committee against the current programme for scrutiny and available resource.
- 3.10 Policy briefings will not form part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's agenda but will be held separately and be open to all councillors to attend.

Monitoring programme for scrutiny

- 3.11 On an ongoing basis the Committee will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating the programme for scrutiny and assessing the impact of scrutiny activity. At all future meetings the Committee will monitor the progress of the programme, making amendments as appropriate.

4. **List of attached information**

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

Appendix 1 – Feasibility criteria for topics

Appendix 2 – Long list of main scrutiny topics

Appendix 3 - Long-list of potential future OSC/SRP topics

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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Appendix 1 - feasibility criteria includes:

Decision making and being a critical friend	Is it a topic/key decision which requires consultation with Overview and Scrutiny <u>prior</u> to the decision being taken.	Yes – include. No – apply other criteria and consider removing
Public Interest and relevance	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
Ability to change or influence	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
Range and scope of impact	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>. 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
Avoidance of duplication of effort	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>5 October 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Business, Growth and Transport To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on her Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor Nick McDonald) • Voluntary and Community Sector Grants (Louise Graham, Voluntary and Community Sector Partnerships Specialist, Market Strategy and Development) • Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2015/16
<p>9 November 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on his Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor Graham Chapman) • Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17
<p>7 December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Mitigation Strategy in Nottingham To consider joint working and flood mitigation processes in Nottingham (Highways at Nottingham City Council, Highways Agency, Severn Trent Water) • Discussion with Lead of the Council To consider an update from the Leader on his Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor Jon Collins)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17
<p>4 January 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (Hugh White, Director of Sports, Culture and Parks) • Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on his Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor David Mellen) • Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17
<p>8 February 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and the Private Rented Sector in Nottingham (Housing) • Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Schools To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on his Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor Sam Webster) • Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17
<p>8 March 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Strategy in Nottingham (Transport colleagues)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work Programme To agree a draft work programme for 2016/17
5 April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion with Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing To consider an update from the Portfolio Holder on her Council plans, priorities and challenges (Councillor Jane Urquhart)• Work Programme Session To agree a draft work programme for 2017/18

Scrutiny Review Topics 2016/17

	Topic	Comments
2	Graduate retention and recruitment in Nottingham – a review to look more closely at what work is taking place to improve and encourage graduates to remain in the city.	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Azad Choudhry to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
3	Impact of Welfare Reform in Nottingham – What is the impact of the Welfare Reforms introduced in April 2013 on citizens and services in Nottingham.	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
4	Fracking in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire – a review to look closely at the impact of fracking in Nottingham and neighbouring authorities.	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Brian Parbutt to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
5	Effectiveness of Nottingham City Council’s consultation process	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
6	Parking enforcement in Nottingham	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Azad Choudhry to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
7	Housing regeneration in Nottingham – Nottingham City Council aims to build 2,500 new houses that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy. Is that a deliverable target?	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Sue Johnson to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.
8	Cycling in Nottingham – Nottingham City Council has an ambitious vision for a cycle city and recently secured £6.1m to kick start an overhaul of the Council’s cycling facilities.	<p>Status – to be scheduled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Glyn Jenkins to chair the Panel. • Scope needs to be finalised with chair and submitted for approval to OSC.