

2023/24 Scrutiny Work Programme

Item	Detail	Attendance required	Timescale	Forum/Progress
'Quick wins'				
Retail Strategy	To explore current use of existing and future retail spaces. Are we using them in the most appropriate way?	Tracy Gaskin	20 th September	Explored as part of the Economic Development Strategy at Scrutiny Commission – Complete.
The Council's approach to Graffiti & Littering	Is there more that the council can do to ensure a quick resolution to this? Including the removal of graffiti from privately owned land?	Caroline Harbour Phil Fasham	Tues 24 th October	Task & Finish 1 meeting Requires an additional meeting to consider draft FPN levels and draft policy. (Apr 2024 – TBC)
Commercial Strategy	To review our approach.	Justin Henry and Sarah Pennelli	Tues 12 December	Task & Finish 1 meeting Complete.
High Priority Areas				
Parks and Open Spaces Strategy	To review the 11 objectives set out in the Parks & Open Spaces Strategy.	Paul Coates Pete Williams Kayleigh Waight Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Monday 4 December 2023	Task & Finish 1 meeting Requires an additional meeting to review which objectives have been achieved from the Strategy. (December 2024 – TBC)
Budget Scrutiny process	Annual scrutiny of budgets.	Sarah Pennelli, Portfolio Holders	10 th , 17 th , 24 th January	All non-executive Members Complete - pending response from Cabinet Executive.
The Council's plans for historic waste sites	The scope of what we have, how big is the potential danger? Information on Contaminated Land owned by the Council as well as sites that consume the Council's time and effort (even if the Council does not have direct liability). What do we know so far about these sites? E.g.	Anna Farish and Contaminated Land Officer	Wednesday 18 September (Brooks Room)	Task and Finish

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	their location, are they being monitored?			
HR Review	To continue and 'wrap-up' the commission's work on current HR provision at The Council.		Wednesday 24 April (Park Room)	Task & Finish 2 meetings
Net Zero by 2050 target To incorporate the Parks & Open Spaces /Footpath strategies.	Which projects are contributing to our target? What is the budget and are we thinking of dropping any projects? Is our target realistic? Can we do more to achieve it? Have we understood all potential challenges, what gaps are there? Potential area for exploration at a subsequent meeting: Our community leadership role e.g. supporting parish councils.	Anna Farish Nick Fear Caroline Harbour Jill Stevenson (to potentially come to later meetings)	Wednesday 26 June 2024 (Brooks Room)	Working Group
Medium Priority Areas				
iPlan Workshop (Corporate Measures)	To examine areas of concern, trends and poor performance through iPlan – the Council's Corporate Measures system.	Luke Clements	Confirmed: Tuesday 2 July 2024 (Brooks Room) Thursday 26 September 2024 (Brooks Room)	All Commission Members as a Working Group to log into iPlan 21 November 2023 – Members were successful in logging into iPlan. Queries were raised on P1 Measures which have now been added onto a spreadsheet for senior officers to respond to. One of the key areas raised was that you could not easily find the underperforming areas. 6 March 2024 – Members reviewed the responses from SLT from queries raised at

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				the previous meeting. Members discussed and reviewed the current P1 Measures. Members reviewed evidence and delivery of the Blaby Corporate Plan Actions.
Homelessness & Social Housing	How many families have been impacted during this time (homelessness numbers)? Impact on the budget and the officers administering. Has it impacted on the resource needed? Will the team be able to continue absorbing the demand? Can we keep delivering our service? Other options, e.g. partnerships?	TBC	Scrutiny Commission 11 September 2024	This item to be deferred to the 24/25 Work Programme.
New: Active Travel Strategy and LCWIP	Review of the Strategy	Phill Turner	Task & Finish/ Working Group (Date TBC)	
Transforming Blaby Together' Strategy	Following completion of the strategy, commission to receive a progress update on the implementation of action plans. It is expected that this work will then transition to a working group to examine the impact of transformation on services, with respective services providing 'evidence' to scrutiny	Lisa Boland	Confirmed 10 April	Scrutiny Commission, and then 2/3 working groups.
New Waste Collection Scheme	Scrutiny to feed into and examine the Council's proposed approach.	Paul Coates	Awaiting further Government guidance before timelines can be established.	TBC

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Low Priority Areas				
Flood Resilience	To be looked at depending on the progress of higher priority issues.			
2023/24 Net Zero Target	To be looked at depending on the progress of higher priority issues.			
Scrutiny of Scrutiny	Only to be looked at after the new Scrutiny Commission has had sufficient opportunity to progress work, and it is still felt appropriate.			

Items for 2024/25 Work Programme

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Corporate Parenting Responsibilities	To assess the Council's responsibility in this area.	TBC	Information paper at Scrutiny Commission on 12 June 2024	
Lightbulb	That the lightbulb delivery document be brought to Scrutiny in 6 months to review the costs of the service. This will also incorporate the recommendations from the budget work.		September 2024	
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Transformation	See 23/24 work programme			