

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Work Programme 2025-26

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Craig Jordan

Portfolio Holders within the Committee's remit

Cllr Gill Heesom – Community Safety and Well Being
Cllr Craig Skelding – Leisure, Culture and Heritage
Cllr David Hutchison – Sustainable Environment

This committee scrutinises policies, strategies and initiatives that are intended to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the people who work and live in the borough. It scrutinises things such as leisure, open space and cultural provision, crime and antisocial behaviour, homelessness, health and other behaviours or environmental factors that affect health and well-being.

This Work Programme is set and reviewed at quarterly meetings of the Scrutiny Management Group. The Chair and Vice Chair also meet regularly with the Portfolio Holders to discuss this Work Programme. There is an opportunity for committee Members to discuss the Work Programme at each committee meeting. Part D of the Council's [Constitution](#) governs the scrutiny process.

For more information on the Committee or its work Programme please contact the Democratic Services:

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Planned Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
12 th June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walleys Quarry Odour Issues• Parks & Open Spaces Task & Finish Working Group Update• Policing Antisocial Behaviours in the Borough – Staffordshire Police	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Contact: Chief Inspector Darren McGrath
15 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the Animal Welfare Charter• Walleys Quarry Update Report	Officer: Roger Tait
24 th November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the Gambling Policy 2024• Walleys Quarry Update Report	Officer: Nesta Barker

Future Items

An update on allotment waiting lists and availability will be provided in the year 2025-26
Progress to Net Zero and North Staffordshire Local Air Quality (formerly A53 bus gate) reports to be scheduled

Other Matters

Information on tennis provision – including maintenance of the facilities will be circulated by officers via email

Previous Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
3 rd March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newcastle Fire Station Update and Performance• Walleys Quarry Update Report• Parks & Open Spaces Task & Finish Working Update	Contact: Glynn Luznyj Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Gill Taylor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International House – review of operation post planning permission being granted • Newcastle Town Centre - Community Safety Partnership 	Officer: Roger Tait
25 th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update • State of Parks across the Wards – open space, grassland and green infrastructure strategies including play equipment maintenance and repair as well as the opportunity for a Task & Finish working group • Tree Risk Management Strategy 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Andrew Bird
16 th September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update • Mobile Multi-Functional Team (MMF) - Scope and Purpose • Animal Welfare Strategy • Sustainable Environment Strategy Update 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird
3 rd June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walleys Quarry Odours Update • Youth Obesity - J2 Play Provisions • Chief Fire Officer Update 	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer Jo Halliday Contact: Glynn Luznyj

Last updated on 30th May 2025