

## HEALTH, WELLBEING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



### **Work Programme 2025-26**

#### **Chair**

Cllr R. Adcock

#### **Vice-Chair**

Cllr I. Wilkes

#### **Members**

Cllrs S. Beeston, L. Barker, N. Crisp, S. Dymond, P. Northcott, P. Reece, L. Richards, J. Whieldon and R. Wright

#### **Scrutiny Champion**

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**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of Animal Welfare Charter</li><li>• Review of Parks T&amp;F Final Report</li><li>• Walleys Quarry Update Report</li><li>• Community Safety Partnership</li><li>• Civic Pride (Empowering our Communities) Strategy</li></ul>	Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of the Gambling Policy 2024</li><li>• Walleys Quarry Update Report</li></ul>	Officer: Nesta Barker 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**

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newcastle Fire Station Update and Performance</li><li>• Walleys Quarry Update Report</li><li>• Parks &amp; Open Spaces Task &amp; Finish Working Update</li><li>• International House – review of operation post planning permission being granted</li></ul>	Contact: Glynn Luznyj Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Gill Taylor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcastle Town Centre - Community Safety Partnership</li> </ul>	Officer: Roger Tait
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walleys Quarry Odours Update</li> <li>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 &amp; Finish working group</li> <li>Tree Risk Management Strategy</li> </ul>	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird  Officer: Andrew Bird
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walleys Quarry Odours Update</li> <li>Mobile Multi-Functional Team (MMF) - Scope and Purpose</li> <li>Animal Welfare Strategy</li> <li>Sustainable Environment Strategy Update</li> </ul>	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Roger Tait  Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walleys Quarry Odours Update</li> <li>Youth Obesity - J2 Play Provisions</li> <li>Chief Fire Officer Update</li> </ul>	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer Jo Halliday Contact: Glynn Luznyj
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walleys Quarry Odour Issues</li> <li>Policing Antisocial Behaviours in the Borough – Staffordshire Police</li> </ul>	Officer: Nesta Barker Contact: Chief Inspector Darren McGrath

Last updated on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025