

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Work Programme 2025-26

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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.

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Planned Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
24 th November 2025	• Walleys Quarry Update Report (regular item)	Officer: Nesta Barker
9 th March 2026	• Walleys Quarry Update Report • Sustainable Environment Strategy Update (date to be confirmed)	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird

Future Items

The Review of the Gambling Policy is scheduled for November 2026

Previous Items

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	NOTES
3 rd March 2025	• Newcastle Fire Station Update and Performance • Walleys Quarry Update Report • Parks & Open Spaces Task & Finish Working Update • International House – review of operation post planning permission being granted • Newcastle Town Centre - Community Safety Partnership	Contact: Glynn Luznyj Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Gill Taylor Officer: Roger Tait
25 th November 2024	• 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	• Walleys Quarry Odours Update	Officer: Nesta Barker

	• Mobile Multi-Functional Team (MMF) - Scope and Purpose • Animal Welfare Strategy • Sustainable Environment Strategy Update	Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird
3 rd June 2024	• Walleys Quarry Odours Update • Youth Obesity - J2 Play Provisions • Chief Fire Officer Update	Officer: Nesta Barker Officer Jo Halliday Contact: Glynn Luznyj
12 th June 2025	• Walleys Quarry Odour Issues • Policing Antisocial Behaviours in the Borough – Staffordshire Police	Officer: Nesta Barker Contact: Chief Inspector Darren McGrath
15 th September 2025	• Review of Animal Welfare Charter • Review of Parks T&F Final Report • Walleys Quarry Update Report • Community Safety Partnership • Civic Pride (Empowering our Communities) Strategy	Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Andrew Bird Officer: Nesta Barker Officer: Roger Tait Officer: Roger Tait

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