

Scrutiny Committee's Chairs' reports

Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met last on Monday 15th December and received a report on Planning Enforcement and Performance and received further updates on the Newcastle-Under-Lyme Borough Local Plan 2040 and Town Deal and Future High Street Funds Update.

Members raised questions and all the responses were well received, and the Committee approved all the recommendations to each of the reports.

The Committee will meet again on Thursday 19th March

Cllr Andrew Parker
Chair

Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee

The Health, Wellbeing and Environment Committee met on 24th November. An update on district and borough health scrutiny activity was received. An update on the Walleys Quarry situation was heard, and actions agreed to contact the local MP through the leader and Committee chair. The future work programme was discussed.

The Committee will meet again in March.

Cllr Rupert Adcock
Chair

Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 4 December, when it scrutinised the Administration's first draft savings plans for 2026/27. The Committee also considered the Financial and Performance Review Report for the second quarter of 2025/26, and received an update on the Town Deals and Future High Streets Fund projects.

The Committee met again on 15 January. Members conducted detailed scrutiny of the Budget for 2026/27 and associated strategies formed by Cabinet. The Scale of Fees and Charges and the charging policy for the forthcoming year were considered, and Members gave comments to the Portfolio Holder.

The Committee will meet again on 26 March.

Cllr Mark Holland
Chair