

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves a work programme every year, detailing selected issues that affect Ashfield or its residents. The Scrutiny Work Programme represents the work of scrutiny throughout the municipal year and is managed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at each meeting. The Scrutiny Work Programme is a rolling programme of in-depth reviews alongside standing items considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, such as finance and performance.

Effective processes are used when selecting and prioritising review topics to ensure meaningful outcomes, leading to real improvements. This involves including topics that are of community concern, contribute to the Council's Corporate Priorities, add value to the Council's overall performance, and have defined objectives and clear outcomes.

The Scrutiny Work Programme is approved based on suggestions from Elected Members and Ashfield Council Officers. Members of the public can also contribute topics for consideration and inclusion in the workplan by contacting the Council's Scrutiny Manager at the following email address: scrutiny@ashfield.gov.uk.

Committee/Panel	Remit	Membership
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall management of the Council's scrutiny function and workplan Consideration of constituted standing items Bespoke topic reviews as appropriate 	Cllrs Andrew Harding (Chair), Dale Grounds (Vice Chair), Jim Blagden, Caroline Wilkinson, Chris Baron, Will Bostock, and Lee Waters.
Scrutiny Panel A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bespoke topic reviews delegated by the O&S Committee 	Cllrs David Shaw (Chair), Caroline Wilkinson (Vice Chair), Trevor Locke, Warren Nuttall, Lauren Mitchell, David Walters, and Caroline Wilkinson.
Scrutiny Panel B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bespoke topic reviews delegated by the O&S Committee 	Cllrs Christian Chapman (Chair), Trevor Locke (Vice Chair), Dale Grounds, Jim Blagden, Caroline Wilkinson, David Walters, and Melanie Darrington.
COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to develop the Council's COVID-19 recovery plans. 	Cllrs Will Bostock (Chair), David Hennigan (Vice Chair), Jim Blagden, Dale Grounds, Kevin Rostance, David Shaw, and Caroline Wilkinson.

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS

Item	Item Description	Delegated to	Status
Climate Change Mitigation	Members have been working on the Climate Change Mitigation review. Recently, the Panel has reviewed the draft Climate Change Strategy and are awaiting the opportunity to review the developing Climate Change Action Plan. Potential recommendations have been discussed and will be approved at a future meeting.	Scrutiny Panel B	Looking to present a final report to Cabinet in the New Year.
Tenancy Support	Members commenced this review with concerns regarding sufficient tenancy support in place following the Pandemic and consequences on evictions, money management, and the housing waiting list.	Scrutiny Panel A	Aiming to provide recommendations in line with the proposal to renew the Selective Licensing Scheme.
Play Park Inclusivity	Members commenced a review of the play parks in Ashfield to ensure they are inclusive and accessible.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	To be recommended at a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Environment Enforcement Contractor	<p>The Council has been working in partnership with an Environmental Enforcement Contractor to provide uniformed enforcement officers and the necessary infrastructure to develop a dedicated Environmental Enforcement Team that has the sole purpose of undertaking littering and dog fouling enforcement duties across the District.</p> <p>As the contract comes towards the end of the original agreed term, Members wish to review</p>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	To be commenced at a date nearer to the end of the agreed term for the partnership to feed into discussions of potential renewal.

	the effectiveness of the partnership and if it should be renewed for another term.		
COVID-19 Recovery	<p>The COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel has developed a standalone work programme including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccination Programme • Local Business Recovery • Voluntary Sector Organisations • Organisational Recovery <p>The Panel's work programme will be updated continually throughout the year.</p>	COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel	Work of the COVID-19 Recovery Scrutiny Panel is ongoing with a work programme developed scheduling key areas to be reviewed over the coming months.

Standing Items

Item	Description	Responsibility	Timescale
Crime and Disorder	Crime and disorder is considered annually by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Annually
Council Performance	The O&S Committee considers Council performance quarterly to inform workplan topic selection and provide feedback on performance indicators.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Quarterly
Budget	Budget is considered annually by the O&S Committee in line with the annual tax setting process.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Annually
Scrutiny Work Programme	The Scrutiny Work Programme is a standing item on the O&S Committee agenda. This allows the Committee to monitor progress of ongoing reviews and consider new items for the programme.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Each meeting of the O&S Committee