

South Norfolk Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Members of the South Norfolk Scrutiny Committee:

Cllr Jeremy Rowe (Chairman)
Cllr Brendon Bernard
Cllr Justin Cork
Cllr Kathryn Cross

Cllr Terry Laidlaw (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Trevor Graham
Cllr John Overton
Cllr Delme Thompson

Date & Time:

Thursday, 9 May 2024
10.00 am

Place:

Upper Yare - Horizon Centre, Peachman Way, Norwich, NR7 0WF

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AGENDA

Working style of the Scrutiny Committee and a protocol for those attending (Page 4)

1. **Apologies for absence**
To report apologies for absence and to identify substitute members
2. **Urgent Items**
Any items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972. Urgent business may only be taken if, “by reason of special circumstances” (which will be recorded in the minutes), the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. **Declarations of interest** (Pages 5 - 7)
To receive declarations of interest from Members (guidance attached)
4. **Minutes** (Pages 8 - 13)
To confirm the minutes from the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 4 April 2024
5. **Key Performance Indicators - Task and Finish Group Report** (Pages 14 - 23)
6. **Future Direction of Policy Committees** (Pages 24 - 38)
7. **Call in - Policy for Residents Experiencing Domestic Abuse (Cabinet report of 22 April 2024 attached)** (Pages 39 - 53)

A call in of the below cabinet decision was received from Councillors J Cork, M Rosen and D Sacks.

Policy for Residents Experiencing Domestic Abuse

RESOLVED	To agree the policy for supporting residents experiencing domestic abuse, subject to minor textual amendments.
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The reasons for the call in are:

“That Scrutiny considers further

1. The response to Perpetrators and how the policy contributes

to reducing offending.

2. The support for children, families and how it enables continuity for their social networks and community integration as well as the educational needs referred to in the policy.
3. A broad review of the policies that have been brought together in this new policy to ensure that nothing significant has been diluted or missed and that every opportunity has to been taken to strengthen the Council's approach. Did the Council use experts with experience in developing policies?
4. Whilst it is suggested little to no impact on current service, is this a missed opportunity to review the Council's practice in light of the new policy? Is this an opportunity to strengthen support and extend the services provided?
5. What has been considered in relation to those from minority communities including refugees & Asylum seekers where Domestic abuse is recognised to be a concern."

8. **Scrutiny Committee Work Programme, Tracker and Cabinet Forward Plan**

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