

Scrutiny Panels

The CfGS 4 Principles:

- Provides a ‘critical friend’ challenge to the executive – policy development, policy review and performance management.
- ‘Enables’ the voice and concerns of the public and its community to be heard.
- Independent and Member Driven.
- “Drives improvement” for the Local Authority.

We welcome proposals for scrutiny from Members, whether on the appropriate committee or not; outside bodies; and Charnwood residents.

This will be a living document, so as new ideas and proposals arise, they may take priority over proposals that have been on the list for a longer period.

Only 4 panels (Formal or Express) can be held at any one time, so timings will need to take account of this. Informal meetings will be conducted without Democratic Service officer time and can therefore be run concurrently.

Chair	Type	Topic	Scope	Terms of Reference	Timing
Councillor Mark Charles	Formal	Budget Scrutiny	To closely review all aspects of the proposed budget for the following year and to monitor the performance of the budget from the previous year.		Autumn (Sept – Jan annually)
Councillor Sarah Monk	Formal	Housing Needs	Investigation of the effectiveness of the current Housing Register and whether the process could be streamlined. Suggestion of	<b>Scoping Document not yet approved</b>	February 2024

			whether a separate list could be created for residents that require adapted properties.		
Councillor Sarah Maynard	Express	Public Transport	<p>Whilst it is recognised that the Council's influence upon public transport is limited within the statutory framework, as transport plays a vital role in the vitality of the Borough, it is an important area to consider and as such the scope will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of the current provision in relation to public transport in the Borough and what is required to increase and improve provision including consideration of carbon neutrality and net zero aims by 2030.</li> <li>• Identifying innovation and good practice that may be applied in the Borough.</li> </ul>		December 2023 – May/July 2024

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of public transport provision written into planning S106 agreements</li> </ul>		
		Utilising Council Assets	Information required would include the number of void garages in the Borough, whether they were in use and opportunities for re-purposing. It was highlighted that an assets report was being considered at the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 12th September.		
		Dementia Friendly Council/Loneliness	To look at how the Council can improve provision of services to those with Dementia and their carers.		
		HMOs	To look at areas where HMOs are over the 20% limit and/or the parking permit issues when a house is converted into flats (more parking permits). Also to review student accommodation requirements.		
		Brownfield Sites	To look at whether there was a brownfield site register, to see		

			how often registers are updated and to map the areas of brownfield sites.		
		Tackling Substance Misuse	To look at how the Council could better support partners to tackle and improve substance misuse across the Borough.		

Express	Informal	Formal	Proposed