

Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Wednesday 22 March 2023**

Time: **10 am**

Venue: **Council Chamber, County Hall, Martineau Lane,
Norwich NR1 2DH**

Membership:

Cllr Steve Morpew (Chair)	
Cllr Lana Hemsall (V Chair)	
Cllr Carl Annison	Cllr Brian Long
Cllr Lesley Bambridge	Cllr Ed Maxfield
Cllr Phillip Duigan	Cllr Jamie Osborn
Cllr Barry Duffin	Cllr Richard Price
Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris	Cllr Brian Watkins
Cllr Keith Kiddie	

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Mr Giles Hankinson
Vacancy

Church Representatives

Ms H Bates
Mr Paul Dunning

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 - Exercising functions of a public nature.
 - Directed to charitable purposes; or
 - One of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union);

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5 To note that the deadline for calling-in matters, from the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 6 March 2023 was 4pm on Monday 13 March 2023

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Scrutiny Committee

Item No: 6

Report Title: Combined Sewer/Storm Water Overflows

Date of Meeting: 22 March 2022

Responsible Body: Anglian Water / Environment Agency

Executive Summary

Members requested an update on combined sewer/storm water overflows at the November 2022 meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. The Appended paper (appendix A) provides members with an overview of the issue, and an outline of activity carried out by both Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to monitor and prevent sewerage and drainage issues.

Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

1. **Consider the appended report provided by Anglian Water, providing feedback and recommendations where appropriate.**
2. **Consider the verbal evidence provided by the Environment Agency.**
3. **Discuss the potential for further scrutiny activity in the future and outline an expected timeline.**

1. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 There has been a growing focus in recent years on combined sewer overflows (also referred to as storm overflows), including the launch of an investigation in June 2022 by the newly formed Office for Environmental Protection, which seeks to investigate the roles of Ofwat, the Environment Agency and the Defra Secretary of State in the regulation of combined sewer overflows.
- 1.2 Storm overflows are designed for occasions where there is too much water in pipes, for example due to excessive rainfall, which causes safety release valve to open and reduce the pressure in the pipe network, thereby leading to release of the excess water directly into the rivers or sea. This is a process that is regulated by the Environment Agency by permits which allow storm overflows to operate under certain conditions and helps to prevent systems backing up, causing uncontrolled release into communities. The road network, open spaces and properties.

- 1.3 The Rivers Trust collates data on sewage network discharges and overflows which is available via the Environment Agency, and presents that data as an interactive mapping tool on its website [here](#), which presents the most recently available data and allows interrogation of previous years' data.
- 1.4 Anglian water also produces a similar mapping tool, called the '[get river positive map](#)'. This includes an outline of improvement works mapped to local areas. You can find the data and full monitoring information relating to overflows collected by Event Duration Monitors (EDMs) [here](#).
- 1.5 The Scrutiny Committee last discussed the issue of combined sewer/storm overflows at the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 23 November 2022. The minutes and agreed recommendations from this meeting can be found [here](#).
- 1.6 The appended report provided from Anglian Water (appendix A) provides responses to the following questions that were requested by officers when scoping this item for Scrutiny:
- Communication with the public – How does Anglian Water notify the public when it is safe to go in the water, and if there are issues they need to be aware of. How effective and accessible are these processes?
 - How does general maintenance and installation of event duration monitors work?
 - Overflow incidence numbers – are these on the rise or fall?
 - Heacham - What are the next steps to improve things at Heacham, which is the only bathing water in the Anglian Water area to be assessed as poor and where the installation was last upgraded in 1998?
 - How does Norfolk compare with other parts of the Anglian Water region?
 - How does Anglian Water compare with other water companies?
 - What initiatives and programmes is Anglian Water delivering to help offset and mitigate the effects of its storm overflow system?
 - What are the other sources of pollution in our rivers, waterways and the sea and how does storm overflow sit in relation to that?
 - How is Anglian Water investing to keep bathing waters in top condition and improve areas not yet classified as excellent?
 - If systems have not been built using the pressure release and storm overflow technique for decades, is there a programme of retrofitting and upgrading older systems?
 - When it comes to investment in overflows where it will have the most environmental benefit, how does it establish which sites that is and how does it measure and evidence the benefits?

1.7 The following people will also be in attendance at the meeting to observe and provide input where required:

- Cllr Eric Vardy, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste
- Henry Cator OBE, Chairman of the Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance
- Joel Hull, Assistant Director - Waste and Water Management, NCC
- Mark Ogden, Flood and Water Manager, NCC.
- A representative from the Environment Agency – TBC.

1.8 Members are reminded that a further update on broader flood prevention activity in Norfolk is to be scheduled for a Scrutiny Committee meeting in September/October 2023, still to be confirmed.

2. Recommendations

The committee is asked to:

- **Consider the appended report provided by Anglian Water, providing feedback and recommendations where appropriate.**
- **Consider the verbal evidence provided by the Environment Agency.**
- **Discuss the potential for further scrutiny activity in the future and outline an expected timeline.**

3. Background Papers

3.1 Appendix A: Combined Sewer/Storm Water Overflows – Update from Anglian Water.

Officer Contact

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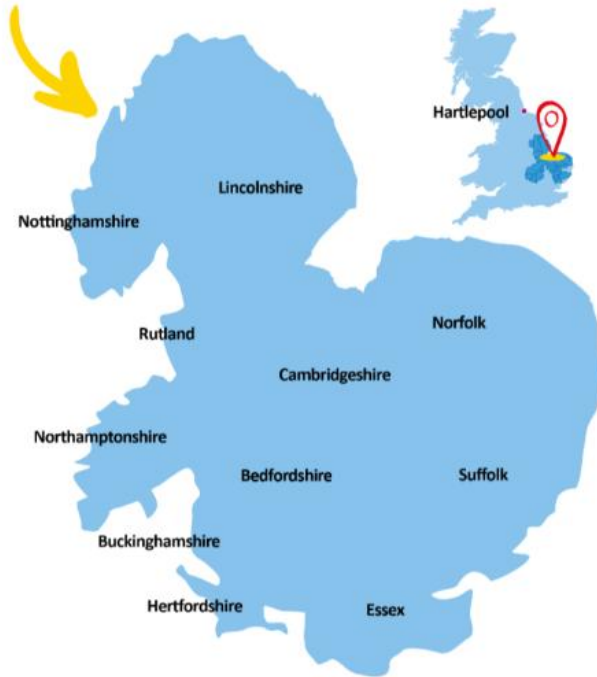
Jonathan Glerum – Regional Flood Risk Manager
Emily Linsdell – Regional Engagement Intern

22 March 2023



Our water company

The **largest** water and water recycling company in England by geographic area



Employing more than

5,000
people

Serving almost

7 million
customers across the
East of England and Hartlepool

The driest region in
the UK with

 **2/3**
of the national average
rainfall each year



One of the UK's
fastest-growing regions,
projected to grow by

175,000
homes by 2025

Operating more than

76,000km


of sewers -
almost twice
the world's
circumference! - and **1,128**
water recycling centres.

A look at the big picture: strategic goals and ambitions driven by purpose

Our purpose is to bring environmental and social prosperity to the region we serve through our commitment to *love every drop.*

Our four key goals for 2020-2025 are guided by the views and needs of our stakeholders

- 1 To **make life better** for our customers, every single day
- 2 To **deliver our 2020–2025 Final Determination**
- 3 To **deliver** our identified business priorities
- 4 To **create a sustainable future** for our region

Our 25-year strategic ambitions are shaped to deliver on our purpose and drive us to achieve more, for everyone



By 2030, be a **net zero carbon** business and reduce the carbon in building and maintaining our assets by 70%.



Work with others to **achieve significant improvement in ecological quality** across our catchments.



Make the **East of England** **resilient** to the risks of drought and flooding.



Enable sustainable economic and housing growth in the UK's fastest growing region.

Get River Positive

Driven by our purpose, and the shared expectations of our customers that rivers should be beautiful places, rich in nature, Anglian Water joined forces with Severn Trent in March 2022 to launch [Get River Positive](#)

This means we will strive to do no harm to UK rivers and do everything we can to ensure they can thrive.



Our five Get River Positive commitments

- ▶ Ensure storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers.
- ▶ Create more opportunities for everyone to enjoy our region's rivers.
- ▶ Support others to improve and care for rivers.
- ▶ Enhance our rivers and create new habitats so wildlife can thrive.
- ▶ Be open and transparent about our performance and our plans.

Welcome scrutiny on water recycling and pollutions



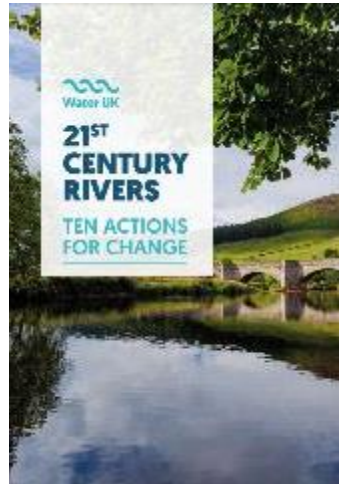
We're investing £811 million between 2020-2025 as part of our Water Industry Natural Environment Programme

Setting the scene: the big picture

Across the UK combined sewer overflows contribute just 4% of the reasons why UK rivers are not high quality (and only 1% in the East of England).

Other drivers impacting river water quality include:

- Agriculture and rural management
- Urban development and transport
- Non-native species
- Misconnected plumbing



Storm spills investment in numbers

- Our accelerated £200 million+ AMP7 programme
- Installing more storm tanks: £80 million
- Increasing capacity at water recycling centres, reducing the risk of spills to the environment: £56 million
- Targeting investment to increase monitoring, directly reduce spills and pollutions, and protect the environment: £46 million
- Improving bathing water quality: £21.5 million
- Installing sustainable drainage solutions: £20 million

The future we want to see

- **The statutory need to tackle storm overflows ensuring prioritisation through the price review process**
- **A new, jointly owned national plan for rivers**
- **An end to the automatic right to connect**
- **A ban on wet wipes that don't meet Fine to Flush standards**
- **Collaborative action to restore rivers and natural habitats**

How we communicate whether water is safe for swimming

Our coastal bathing waters

Our 48 bathing waters are some of the cleanest in the UK. We have achieved this through:

- A long-term commitment to the coast
- Investing more than £300 million in our coastal network
- Working closely with others, including councils, the EA, landowners, businesses and homeowners
- Developing a sophisticated technology and marine models to understand the factors affecting the quality of our bathing waters, whilst investing over £2 million to develop our BeachAware system.

BeachAware

BeachAware uses a coastal model which holds bacteria thresholds for beaches and predicts the movement of plumes and impact they may have to bathing water quality.

Based on these findings the system sends alerts to the local authority, the EA and Surfers Against Sewage.

BeachAware alerts can be generated following the activation of a storm overflow as a result of rainfall. Whilst the discharges from storm overflows are usually predominantly rainwater, the BeachAware system sends out notifications as a precaution.

Other factors which impact beach water:

- ✓ Misconnected private drains
- ✓ Run-off from highways and farmland
- ✓ Dog and wild animal fouling

Other key factors in Norfolk are the impact from birds, seaweed and algae.

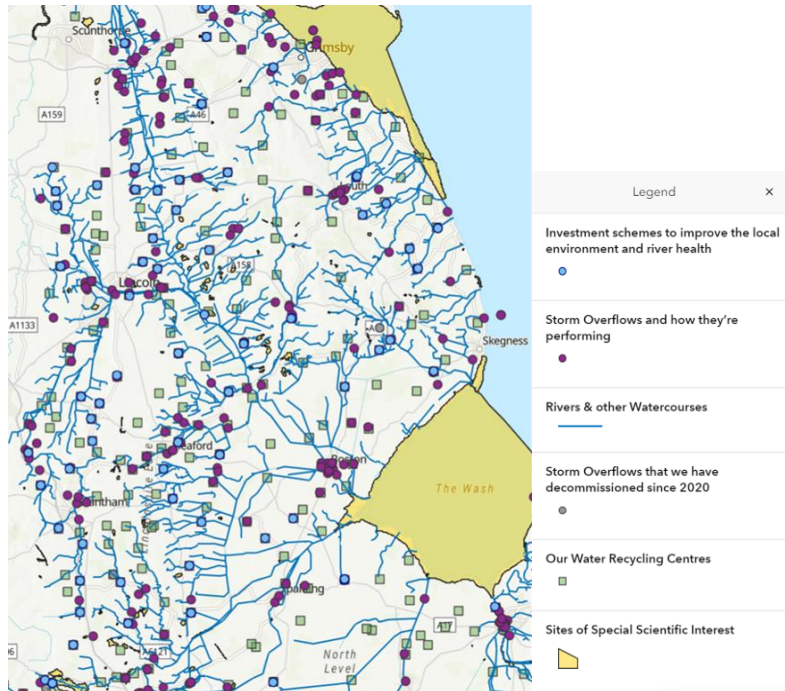
Our Coastal Catchment Managers work collaboratively to investigate and address issues of pollution.

Where else to find information

The Get River Positive Map

An interactive map where you can view:

- Storm overflows and their performance
- Rivers and SSSIs
- Anglian Water's assets
- Investment schemes
- Decommissioned storm overflows

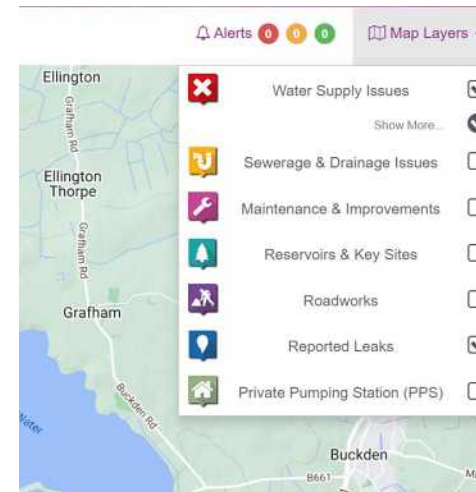


In Your Area

An interactive map where you can view:

- Details about sewerage and drainage issues
- Maintenance plans
- Planned improvements and investments

Remember to filter map layers to see all that is going on in your area!



What are Storm Overflows?



- Storm overflows – permits issued by the Environment Agency (EA).
- Combined sewers take both sewage and rainwater and become inundated with water following high rainfall events – Storm overflows take pressure off the system by releasing excess water into rivers and sea and protect homes and businesses from flooding.
- Vast majority of what storm overflows release is rainwater.
- These types of sewers were built in Victorian times and 60s and 70s – none have been built since privatisation (1989).
- Event duration monitoring programme complete by end of 2023 to monitor storm overflows.
- Opportunity to target investment in storm overflows.

Event Duration Monitors (EDMs) – installation and maintenance

- **EDMs tell us:** if and for how long our storm overflows discharge for. **This allows us to:** identify those that aren't performing as we would like so that we can decide where to invest.
- Currently about **80%** of our storm overflows are fitted with EDMs, but by the end of the year we will have 100% coverage.
- The data which our EDMs collect is monitored by the EA.
- We ensure that our EDMs are regularly maintained and recognise the importance of this, especially as they tend to be in volatile locations.
- Following an activation alert, we assess the data to determine if a spill has occurred – about one third of recorded events are false spills (activations). During our investigations we use the data we have gathered to understand the causes of false activations.



Storm overflow incidences

- In 2022 across the whole region, we had five discharges from storm overflows which were recorded as minor pollutions (EA Cat 3), three of these were storm discharges and two attributed to blockages.
- This is typical of most years, where storm overflow discharges make up 3-4% of our pollutions.
- Storm overflow data for 2022 currently being finalised and will be published soon.
- All water companies provide the Environment Agency with EDM data every year as part of their regulatory annual return to fulfil their permitted conditions to discharge from storm overflows under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The data is available on the DEFRA data services platform.

Steps to reduce and prevent storm overflows



Our Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP)

We are investing over £800 million between 2020-25 to protect the environment and improve river water quality. This is the largest investment of any UK water company.

Within WINEP we are investing £220 million alone on reducing storm spills, this includes:

- 🔧 £56 million on capacity upgrades at Water Treatment Works
- 🔧 £80 million on installing additional storm tanks
- 🔧 £23 million on increasing overflow monitoring and improving visibility
- 🔧 £21.5 million on improving bathing water quality

Sewer monitors

We are installing an additional 22,000 sewer monitors, which alongside our EDMs will tell us where problems are and where we need to invest.

Get River Positive (GRP)

Through meeting the five commitments, GRP aims to:

- Eliminate all serious pollutions by 2025
- Reduce less serious pollutions by 45%
- Reduce spills from storm overflows to an average of 20 per year by 2025.

Storm Harvester

This is our data intelligence system which we are linking our EDM and operational monitoring devices to.

This system draws on multiple sources of information in our region (including river levels, rainfall and borehole levels) to flag when the network is operating abnormally – helping us to react quicker.

Storm Overflow and Assessment Framework

We use this to survey and assess the impact of our highest spilling storm overflows. We invest where we find evidence of impact.

Retrofitting and upgrading storm overflows



- Removing Storm Overflows is complicated – requires re-plumbing of towns and cities and new flood defence measures to continue to protect customers.
- We have focused on reducing the impact of Storm Overflows for many years – prioritising those where there is highest environmental risk.
- EA has issued environmental permits for the 1552 Storm Overflows in our region.
- We have surrendered >220 permits for storm overflows since privatisation (12%) – removing them where we can.

In Norfolk alone, we have surrendered the permits for 19 overflows since 2019.

- Partnerships with the local planning authority, local Rivers Trust, farmers, landowners, and highways authorities are vital to improve river health and reduce storm flow activations. By not flushing unflushables, customers can play their part too.
- Welcome the Government's announcement earlier this year about a consultation on Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act. The aim is to make Sustainable Drainage Systems mandatory and remove the automatic right to connect which will help to reduce storm overflow activations.

How we decide which storm overflows to prioritise for investment

- We investigate if a storm overflow is operating unusually and assess if a polluting discharge has taken place – not all spills cause environmental harm.
- Where an environmental impact is confirmed, the event is reported to the EA. We then resolve the cause through operational activities or investment to repair or replace damaged or deteriorated assets.
- For 2020-2025 we have followed the Storm Overflow Assessment Framework which uses a five-stage process to help us prioritise where to focus infrastructure improvements.
- Also working with experts in AI to innovate and improve devices which monitor spills and enhance accuracy to better understand our network.
- And currently working with the EA, Natural England and the Rivers Trust to plan our investment programme for 2025-2030 which prioritises storm overflow investment according to new DEFRA classifications of high priority sites as defined by ([Storm overflows discharge reduction plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672212/storm-overflow-discharge-reduction-plan.pdf))

The next steps for Heacham

💡 Working with the EA and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk to investigate the bathing water classification at Heacham, Hunstanton Main Beach and Hunstanton (Old Hunstanton).

💡 **Factors impacting water quality at Heacham:**

- Research has identified birds feeding on the mudflats as the main source of contamination.
- Further potential impacts from the River Heacham, surface water outfalls and an emergency storm overflow in Hunstanton.

💡 **Treatment at the Heacham Water Recycling Centre:**

- Does not discharge to the environment via a storm overflow – there isn't one onsite.
- Due to the proximity to bathing waters, treated effluent is disinfected with UV light which removes harmful bacteria and viruses.

💡 Surface water drains are designed to only take rainwater from roads and roofs. We have carried out misconnection surveys along these drains and run a 'Blue Crab' campaign to remind people that it should only be rain down the drain.

💡 Optimisation of South End Road pumping station at Hunstanton has resulted in reductions in storm related discharges. Previous investigations have indicated this asset poses a low risk to water quality.

💡 Continuing to work with stakeholders to investigate bathing water quality, with work focusing on reducing impacts from surface water outfalls and investigating water quality along the River Heacham.

How Norfolk compares with other parts of the region

In addition to the Heacham and Hunstanton bathing waters, there are 3 'Good' and 3 'Excellent' bathing waters in North Norfolk plus 5 'Excellent' and 1 'Good' bathing waters in Great Yarmouth borough.

A reasonably strong performance but appreciate disappointment as all were previously classed as 'Excellent'.

East Runton

- Classification mainly impacted by low EA sample frequency which skewed average levels even when elevations in bacteria are very small
- Also impacted by the presence of decaying seaweed piles on the beach
- EA to review the frequency at which they sample beaches in the area. Council has agreed to consider instructing their shoreline rangers to remove decaying seaweed piles from the tidal zone in future
- Minor impact from Anglian Water assets. Plan to investigate further via a future WINEP investigation, subject to agreed funding

Mundesley

- There was one sample this year linked to heavy rainfall during which there were short duration spills from 2 storm overflows in the catchment. This may have combined with urban and agricultural run-off to cause the elevated bacteria level.
- We have proposed a WINEP scheme to reduce spills to less than 2 per bathing season in this catchment in 2025-2030.

How Norfolk compares with other parts of the region

Sea Palling

- We have no assets in this catchment so will not be a contributing factor.
- Only very minor elevations in bacteria were recorded in the EA samples but this was enough for the beach to drop to good due to a low EA sample frequency at this beach.

Hemsby

- We have no outfalls in the immediate area and have proposed a WINEP investigation next AMP (2025-2030) to understand whether our outfalls several miles away in Great Yarmouth Quay can have an impact (similar studies in other areas would suggest they are too far away).
- This beach also appears to have been impacted by algal blooms and the presence of decaying seaweed piles on the beach. The Borough Council has agreed to consider instructing their shoreline rangers to remove decaying seaweed piles from the tidal zone.

The sources of river pollution

Across the UK combined sewer overflows contribute just 4% of the reasons why UK rivers are not achieving 'good status' – and the figure for the East of England is only 1%.

The other main contributors to river pollution are:

Agricultural run-off

- Arable land mainly injects nutrients (phosphorus and nitrates), chemicals (pesticides) and soil sediment into rivers.
- Farming livestock also contributes faecal bacteria and pathogens, chemicals and soil sediment.
- Within Norfolk, agriculture and rural land management contributes the most pollutants to the rivers and waterways.

Highways run-off

- Up to 300 pollutants build up on roads and when it rains, they are washed into nearby rivers.

Urban development (including industry)

- Pollution from urban areas, including hydrocarbons, metals, litter, nutrients and pathogens, impact water quality.

Other factors impacting river water quality

Blockages

80% of the 40,000 sewer blockages we experience a year are avoidable. These blockages contribute to river water quality because they stop our sewers flowing and as a result storm overflows discharge to prevent customers' toilets backing up.

Mechanical breakdown

If we experience mechanical failures on our network, storm overflows can discharge to reduce the customer impacts of these failures. To reduce the chance of mechanical breakdown, our teams work proactively to ensure that our assets are performing well and can carry on doing so. For example, we have an extensive pumping station service programme which is carried out between January and May every year.

Misconnected plumbing

Across our network we battle with misconnections. This is when surface water is plumbed directly into the foul sewer, which reduces the capacity of the sewer and could result in spills during heavy rainfall. Likewise, toilets, dishwashers, sinks and washing machines could be plumbed into the surface water sewer, which would result in this dirty water discharging straight into rivers.

Private sewage treatment/septic tanks

Physical modifications

Invasive species

Thank you for listening



Scrutiny Committee

Item No:7

Report title: Update from the Chair of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP) Scrutiny Sub Panel

Date of meeting: 22 March 2023

Responsible Cabinet Member: N/A

Responsible Director: Tom McCabe (Executive Director of Community & Environmental Services)

Executive Summary

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider an update from the Chair of the NCCSP Scrutiny Sub Panel, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

Recommendations:

To consider the progress being made by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and what recommendations (if any) it might make for its future work.

1. Background and Purpose

1.1 In June 2011 the Home Secretary gave permission for the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Norfolk to formally merge into one CSP for the whole of the county. Responsibility for scrutiny of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP or “the Partnership”) lies with the County Council and this statutory scrutiny function is set out at paragraph 4 of Appendix 2A of the County Council’s Constitution, which can be viewed [here](#). Since the change of governance arrangements at the County Council in May 2019 this role has been undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee, through a dedicated Scrutiny Sub Panel.

1.2 The NCCSP Scrutiny Sub Panel (the “Sub Panel”) has met once since the last update, on 24 February 2023, with the 28 September 2022 and 8 December 2022 meetings declared inquorate. The [agenda for the February Sub Panel meeting is available to view](#). The minutes will be published in due course.

2. Safer Norfolk Plan 2021-24

2.1 The Scrutiny Sub Panel has previously focussed on the Partnership’s development of a new three-year Community Safety Plan, called the Safer Norfolk Plan 2021-24. This aims to address county-wide priorities as well as those significant risks and threats that exist at a local level.

- 2.2 Members received a report which described the Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) process and set out progress against actions in the Safer Norfolk Plan to respond to the management of DHRs. The Sub Panel noted the information provided and made the following recommendations to the Partnership to further support councillors' understanding:
- 1) That the Partnership should provide a full report on its thematic review of Norfolk DHRs to a future meeting, together with further information on Domestic Violence Change Champions to explain how they are working in practice in Norfolk;
 - 2) That the Partnership should provide further information on how children are supported (written response);
 - 3) That the Partnership should provide an overview of its response to the new Serious Violence Duty, which commenced on 31 January 2023, to a future meeting.
- 2.3 Members discussed the importance of cascading information provided by the Partnership to all elected members and strengthening the connection between lead partnership officers and key councillors at all local authorities. The Chair emphasised that he made a regular report to Norfolk County Council's Scrutiny Committee to raise the profile of the Partnership's work and the challenge brought by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and encouraged district councillors to do the same at their local authorities.
- 2.4 Members also received a report setting out key developments and further progress updates on the Prevent priority. The Sub Panel noted the information provided and made the following recommendations to the Partnership:
- 1) That it should provide clarification on whether there is a gap in legislation around the requirement to include a legal imprint on any leaflet campaign material;
 - 2) That it should provide evidence of the impact of projects seeking to raise awareness of radicalisation and extremism to a future meeting;
 - 3) That it should report the outcomes of its Hate Crime Review to a future meeting.
- 2.5 Members acknowledged the role that elected members themselves had in supporting the Partnership by highlighting problems in their own areas and highlighting the availability of awareness raising projects through their various community roles. The Partnership committed to engage more actively with elected members, through local authority lead officers, to address needs in their area.
- 2.6 Members also received a report which set out progress by the Partnership's Community Trigger Task and Finish Group, which included an update on the development of a communications strategy. The Sub Panel noted the information provided and that awareness sessions would be made available for elected members and the public. The Sub Panel stressed the need for that

information to be made available as soon as possible and made the following recommendation to the Partnership:

- 1) That it should consider how constituent partners can ensure that individuals are able to access support for unmet needs, to avoid circumstances where a Community Trigger might be requested, and report back to the Sub Panel at a future meeting.
- 2.7 A verbal update was provided on progress with the Partnership's internal resource review. The Sub Panel noted that while there was a core Community Safety Team within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk, the success of this area of work was reliant on the engagement of those partner organisations and agencies that constituted the Partnership. Members were advised that the Government was due to start a national review of Community Safety Partnerships (how they work, roles and responsibilities), which may influence how they function in future. It may also influence how both Partnerships and Police and Crime Commissioners might have greater regard for each other. An update would be provided at the Sub Panel's next meeting.
- 2.8 The Sub Panel agreed that the focus of the next meeting on 8 June 2023 should be on an overview of the Partnership, how it functions currently and effects change, together with an update on the Government's national review. It was also agreed that the introduction should include an overview of what happens following a domestic homicide to help inform new members. The Scrutiny Support Officer was asked to liaise with the Partnership to consider timings for the updates that had been requested during the meeting, to support discussion of the Sub Panel's work programme.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 To consider the progress being made by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and what recommendations (if any) the Scrutiny Committee might make for its future work.

4. Impact of the Proposal

- 4.1 Regular review by the Scrutiny Committee will strengthen the governance of the Partnership's activity and support effective scrutiny.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Resource Implications

- 6.1 **Staff:** None.
- 6.2 **Property:** None.
- 6.3 **IT:** None.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 **Legal Implications:** None.

- 7.2 **Human Rights implications:** None.
- 7.3 **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (this must be included):** None.
- 7.4 **Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA):** None.
- 7.5 **Health and Safety implications (where appropriate):** None.
- 7.6 **Sustainability implications (where appropriate):** None.
- 7.7 **Any other implications:** None.

8. Risk Implications/Assessment

- 8.1 N/A.

9. Select Committee comments

- 9.1 N/A.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 To consider the progress being made by the Scrutiny Sub Panel and what recommendations (if any) it might make for its future work.

11. Background Papers

- 11.1 None.

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Scrutiny Committee

Item No: 8

Report Title: Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

Date of Meeting: 22 March 2023

Responsible Cabinet Member: None

Responsible Director: Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation

Executive Summary

This paper sets out the current forward work programme for the Scrutiny Committee, outlining committee dates and agreed items.

Recommendations

Members of the committee are asked to:

1. Note the current Scrutiny Committee forward work programme and discuss potential further items for future consideration.

1. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 Members of the Scrutiny Committee took part in a work programming session held on the 16 May 2022, discussing proposed items for the Committee to consider through until May 2023.
- 1.2 The work programme attached is amended frequently to better reflect officer pressures and changes to the Cabinet forward plan of decisions.
- 1.3 All topics are subject to change, with the committee remaining flexible to ensure the ability to adapt to emerging and urgent topics for consideration.
- 1.4 Members are further advised that the scheduled Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 24th May has now been moved forward to the 18th May.
- 1.5 A work programming workshop is currently being pulled together, with a date to be finalised in early April. Members will be consulted closer to the time to ensure maximum attendance.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the attached forward programme of work (**Appendix A**) and discuss potential further items for consideration.

3. Impact of the Proposal

- 3.1 Maintaining the proposed work programme will ensure that the Scrutiny Committee has a full schedule of work, and officers are well prepared to present to the committee.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None

5. Resource Implications

5.1 Staff:

None

5.2 Property:

None

5.3 IT:

None

6. Other Implications

6.1 Legal Implications:

None

6.2 Human Rights Implications:

None

6.3 Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (this must be included):

None

6.4 Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA):

None

6.5 Health and Safety implications (where appropriate):

None

6.6 Sustainability implications (where appropriate):

None

6.7 Any Other Implications:

None

7. Risk Implications / Assessment

7.1 None

8. Select Committee Comments

8.1 None

9. Recommendations

Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to:

1. Note the Scrutiny Committee forward work programme and discuss potential further items for future consideration.

10. Background Papers

10.1 **Appendix A** – Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme of Work

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Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

Date	Report	Further notes/Comments	Better Together for Norfolk - Strategic Goal(s)*	Cabinet Member	Exec Director
22/03/23	Combined Sewer/Storm Overflows	Agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 23 November 2023	- A Greener, More Resilient Future	Cllr Eric Vardy, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste	Tom McCabe, Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services
	Update from the Chair of the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership	Standard quarterly item	- <i>Strong, Engaged and Inclusive Communities</i>	N/A	N/A
20/04/23	Performance Review Panels – Quarterly Update	Agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 21 July 2021	- Better Opportunities for Children and Young People - Healthy, Fulfilling and Independent Lives	Cllr Bill Borrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention & Cllr John Fisher, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	James Bullion, Executive Director of Adult Social Care & Sarah Tough, Executive Director of Children's Services

	Quality of Care – Overview of the Care Market in Norfolk	Agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at the work programming meeting held on Monday 16 May 2022	- Healthy, Fulfilling and Independent Lives	Cllr Bill Borrett, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Prevention	James Bullion, Executive Director of Adult Social Care
	Provision of Extracurricular Activity for Norfolk Children	Agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at the work programming meeting held on Monday 16 May 2022	- Better Opportunities for Children and Young People	Cllr John Fisher, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Sarah Tough, Executive Director of Children's Services

**The 'Better Together for Norfolk – County Council Strategy 2021-25' outlines five strategic priorities. These are:*

- A Vibrant and Sustainable Economy*
- Better Opportunities for Children and Young People*
- Healthy, Fulfilling and Independent Lives*
- Strong, Engaged and Inclusive Communities*
- A Greener, More Resilient Future*

When scheduling items for the work programme the committee should consider, where applicable, the item contributes to the above strategic goals and overall delivery of the County Council's strategy for 2021-25.