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<p>Superfast Northants Broadband – an update regarding the roll out of superfast broadband across the district.</p> <p>Suggested by: Cllrs Harries and Hopkins</p>	<p>In January 2020 the Committee requested that a feasibility study be undertaken regarding the cost of providing superfast broadband to the final 2% of properties that were unable to be connected so far.</p>	<p>Sarah Naylor, Northamptonshire County Council, will attend the October meeting of the Committee to give an update regarding the roll out of superfast broadband across the district, including the final 2% of properties that were unable to be connected.</p> <p>The latest developments for “Superfast Northamptonshire” can be found at the following link; https://www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net/Pages/home.aspx</p>
<p>Mobile Phone Connectivity – Many rural areas of the UK, including South Northamptonshire, experience difficulties with mobile phone connectivity. Is any progress being made on improving this?</p> <p>Suggested by: Cllrs Harries and Hopkins</p>	<p>The Committee previously discussed the ‘What three words’ app, that requires mobile connectivity to work. The app allocates three random words to each square metre of land, and the three words can be given to emergency services operators in the event of needing to request help and not being able to access specific address information. More information can be found at what3words.com</p>	<p>The Committee requested this item remain on the Topic Sheet with further updates provided if there are any.</p>
<p>Business Strategy – matter raised after presentation on supporting and encouraging businesses to SNC. Committee advised that the Strategy is being reviewed and asked for it to come to Scrutiny at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>The lead senior manager, Jim Newton, Assistant Director – Planning and Economy, will schedule this item at the appropriate time</p>	<p>The lead senior manager, Jim Newton, Assistant Director – Planning and Economy, will schedule this item at the appropriate time</p>

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<p>106 Agreements – review of progress on agreements</p> <p>Suggested by: Cllr Sandra Barnes</p>	<p>In January 2020 the Committee agreed to set up two working groups, one to focus on the transport element of agreements and the other focussing on health.</p> <p>Two working groups have now been established. Each working group has met and will provide a report to Scrutiny at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>Transport working group – Councillors Anthony Bagot-Webb, Caryl Billingham, Hywel Davies, Paul Wiltshire and Dermot Bambridge (Cabinet observer)</p> <p>Health working group – Councillors Sandra Barnes, David Harries, Rosie Herring, Elaine Wiltshire and Stephen Clarke (Cabinet observer)</p>
<p>Co-op project – Matter raised at Scrutiny Committee on 4 December.</p> <p>Suggested by: Cllr Ken Pritchard</p>	<p>The purchase of the Co-op site has now been completed.</p> <p>Progression of the site to be reported to Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>Martin Henry – Executive Director Finance (Section 151 officer) and John Slack- Property Investment and Contracts Manager have advised that on 3 August a planning application was submitted for the demolition of the existing building on site to bring forward a car parking scheme. The application can be viewed on the council's website: Planning Application</p> <p>The proposal for the new car park has taken into consideration the provision of electric charging points; remodelling of the existing car parking bays and each bay will be remarked as they currently do not conform with parking standard requirements, additional lighting, CCTV cameras, landscaped areas and provision of additional bays.</p> <p>Officers are also exploring options for the future use of the former public conveniences and a feasibility study to determine the costs to bring them back into use is</p>

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		currently being progressed. Whilst a proposed car park scheme has been prepared, this was on the basis that the public conveniences will be demolished. However, if the decision is for these to be retained by Members, then the scheme would need to be varied to reflect this.
<p>Primary Healthcare Services – Matter raised at Scrutiny Committee on 8 July 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Sandra Barnes</p>	<p>A request was made for the Chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning Group to attend the Scrutiny Committee and explain plans for primary health provision in South Northamptonshire. This is in addition to the work of the Scrutiny Working Group on S106 agreements.</p>	<p>On behalf of the Committee, Jo Barrett – Assistant Director Wellbeing, sent a letter to the Clinical Commissioning Group inviting them to the Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Chief Executive was unable to attend the September Committee, and discussions are ongoing about attendance at a future meeting.</p> <p>Tracey Hill is working with the Scrutiny Working Group on the S106 arrangements.</p>