



OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP

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To: Councillors Capleton (Chair), Ranson (Vice-Chair), Bradshaw, Brookes, Gerrard and Paling (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Group to be held in Committee Room 2 - Council Offices on Monday, 10th December 2018 at 6.30 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

30th November 2018

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 4 - 7
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 2nd July 2018.
3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTEREST
4. DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP

5. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
11.16

No questions were submitted.

6. CABINET ITEMS FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

The following items were identified for pre-decision scrutiny from the Cabinet agenda for 13th December 2018:

- (a) Charnwood Grants - Round Three - 2018/19 Community Facilities and Community Development and Engagement Grant Applications 8 - 35

A report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services to enable Cabinet to consider applications received in round three of the Charnwood Grants Scheme will be considered for pre-decision scrutiny. This is in order to make recommendations to the Cabinet as appropriate.

- (b) Write off report for Business Rate properties 36 - 39

A report of the Head of Customer Experience seeking Cabinet approval to write off irrevocable debts in line with Financial Procedure Rules will be considered for pre-decision scrutiny. This is in order to make recommendations to Cabinet as appropriate.

7. OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 40 - 44

A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the Group on pre-decision scrutiny items.

8. WORK PROGRAMME 45 - 55

A report of the Head of Strategic Support setting out the list of forthcoming Executive Key Decisions and the Group's Work Programme for consideration, in order to identify items for future scrutiny.

SCRUTINY QUESTIONS

What topics to choose?

- What difference will scrutiny make?
- Is this an area of concern – public/performance/risk register?
- Is this a corporate priority?
- Could scrutiny lead to improvements?
- What are the alternatives to pre-decision scrutiny?

Pre-decision scrutiny

- What is Cabinet being asked to agree?
- Why?
- How does this relate to the overall objective? Which is ...?
- What risks have been identified and how are they being addressed?
- What are the financial implications?

- What other options have been considered?
- Who has been consulted and what were the results?
- Will the decision Cabinet is being asked to take affect other policies, practices etc.?

Basic Questions

- Why are you/we doing this?
- Why are you/we doing it in this way?
- How do you/we know you are making a difference?
- How are priorities and targets set?
- How do you/we compare?
- What examples of good practice exist elsewhere?