



POLICY SCRUTINY GROUP

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To: Councillors Seaton (Chair), K. Harris (Vice-Chair), Brookes, Gerrard, Hamilton, Hunt, Murphy, Paling, Parton, Shepherd and Smith (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Policy Scrutiny Group to be held in Committee Room 2 - Council Offices on Tuesday, 25th September 2018 at 6.30 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

17th September 2018

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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The Group is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS
4. DECLARATION OF THE PARTY WHIP

5. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY PROCEDURE 11.17

No questions were submitted.

6. GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

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A report of the Head of Regulatory Services enabling the Group to review the draft Statement of Principles made under the Gambling Act 2005.

7. HOUSING ADAPTATIONS POLICY 2018-2022

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A report of the Head of Landlord Services enabling the Group to review the draft Housing Adaptations Policy 2018-2022.

8. OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

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A report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces providing an update on work to deliver the adopted Open Spaces Strategy 2013-2028 and the need to produce a revised Strategy and action plan.

9. PROGRESS WITH PANEL WORK

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A report of the Head of Strategic Support, providing an update on the establishment and progress of scrutiny panels.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

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A report of the Head of Strategic Support, enabling the Group to consider its work programme and propose to the Scrutiny Management Board any additions, deletions and amendments as appropriate.

For the Group's assistance, meeting dates for the remainder of the 2018/19 Council year have been set as follows:

13th November 2018

5th February 2019

9th April 2019.

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?