



SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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To: Councillors Bailey, Baines, Bolton, Draycott (Vice-Chair), Hadji-Nikolaou, Parsons and Rattray (Chair) (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission to be held in Committee Room 2 - Council Offices on Monday, 11th November 2019 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

1st November 2019

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 14th October 2019.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

4. DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP
5. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
11.16

No questions were submitted.
6. STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL AND COMBINED AUTHORITIES 5 - 52

A report of the Head of Strategic Support to provide information regarding guidance from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, clarifying the role and benefits of scrutiny to local authorities and to consider the existing Scrutiny Protocol setting out the Council's approach to scrutiny and good practice guidance.
7. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF ANY SPECIFIC FINANCIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CABINET

On this occasion there is one item of this nature on the Cabinet agenda for the Commission to consider (item 8b on the agenda).
8. CABINET ITEMS FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

The following items have been identified for pre-decision scrutiny from the Cabinet agenda for 14th November 2019:
 - (a) Tenancy Support Policy 2019-2024 53 - 73
A report of the Head of Landlord Services to seek approval of the Tenancy Support Policy 2019-2024 will be considered for pre-decision scrutiny in order to make recommendations as appropriate to the Cabinet.
 - (b) Virement - Planning and Regeneration Service 74 - 76
A report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration to seek approval for the virement of budget in cost centres in the Planning and Regeneration Service in order to meet forecast expenditure on agency workers this financial year will be considered for pre-decision scrutiny in order to make recommendations as appropriate to the Cabinet.
9. SCRUTINY COMMISSION PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 77 - 78

A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the Committee on pre-decision scrutiny items.
10. PROGRESS WITH PANEL WORK 79 - 87

A report of the Head of Strategic Support to review progress with Scrutiny Panels.
11. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 88 - 98

A report of the Head of Strategic Support enabling the Commission to review the Scrutiny Work Programmes for all three directorate based committees.

12. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 99 - 114

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

13. EXEMPT INFORMATION

It is recommended that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest of disclosing the information. The information in the report refers to commercially sensitive information in respect of a significant land disposal.

14. DISPOSAL OF LAND HOLDING KNOWN AS PLOT 5 WELDON ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH

An exempt report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Services seeking approval for the disposal of the landholding known as Plot 5, Weldon Road, Loughborough will be considered for pre-decision scrutiny in order to make recommendations as appropriate to the Cabinet.

For information, further meetings of the Commission are scheduled as follows:

9th December 2019
13th January 2020
10th February 2020

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?