



SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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To: Councillors Bolton, Brookes, Hamilton, Ranson (Vice-Chair), Seaton (Chair), Parton and Popley (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 Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers on Monday, 11th October 2021 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

1st October 2021

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 15
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 13th September 2021.
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. AUDIT UPDATE

7. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF ANY SPECIFIC FINANCIAL
MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CABINET

There are no items of this nature on the Cabinet agenda for the Commission to consider.

8. CABINET ITEMS FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

The following items have been identified for pre-decision scrutiny from the Cabinet agenda for 14th October 2021:

- (a) Motion on Notice - Glyphosate-Based Herbicides in Open Spaces, Playgrounds and Parks 16 - 20

A Cabinet report to consider a motion concerning Glyphosate-based herbicides in open spaces, playgrounds and parks, which was referred by Council to Cabinet on 26th April 2021.

- (b) Pets Policy 2021-2025 21 - 37

A Cabinet report to seek Cabinet approval for a new Pets Policy to cover the period 2021-2025.

- (c) Loughborough Business Improvement District (BID) Third Term 38 - 56

A Cabinet report to outline the advantages of a third term of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Loughborough Town Centre. The report also seeks to confirm the Council's position on the BID renewal ballot for a third term and to seek Cabinet approval for the Council to vote in favour of a third term of the BID.

9. SCRUTINY COMMISSION PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET
RESPONSE 57 - 58

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

10. PROGRESS WITH PANEL WORK 59 - 68

To consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.

11. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

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A report of the Head of Strategic Support enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.

12. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

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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.

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

15th November 2021

6th December 2021

10th January 2022

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?