



SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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To: Councillors Brookes, Hamilton, Ranson (Vice-Chair), Seaton (Chair), Parton, Popley and K. Harris (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 council offices on Monday, 10th October 2022 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

30th September 2022

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 12
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 5th July 2022.
3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

For information, disclosable pecuniary interests and registrable interests relate to

entries that are included, or should be included, on a councillor's register of interests. Non-registrable interests relate to any other matters.

4. DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP

5. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
11.16

No questions were submitted.

6. GLYPHOSATE-BASED HERBICIDES IN OPEN SPACES, 13 - 16
PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

A report of the Head of Contracts (Leisure, Waste and Environment) to provide the Scrutiny Commission with an update on Glyphosate use and any potential alternatives identified by the Council following the review (October 2021).

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 13th October 2022:

(a) Cost of Living - Support to Communities and Businesses 17 - 31

A Cabinet report of the Chief Executive to outline the support the Council has put in place regarding the Cost of Living crisis and to request financial resources to provide enhanced support to residents and businesses.

(b) Feasibility Studies for Carbon Reduction 32 - 35

A Cabinet report of the Strategic Director - Commercial and Economic Development to request that the budget initially agreed for Solar Feasibility be expanded in its scope to include feasibility work for any measure to reduce or offset carbon.

(c) Charnwood Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order 2022 36 - 54

A Cabinet report of the Head of Regulatory and Community Safety to seek approval of the Notice of Intention and upon expiry of the 28-day notice period to approve the Public Spaces Protection Order (Charnwood Borough Council) Control of Dogs 2023 under the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

9. SCRUTINY COMMISSION PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 55 - 56
- A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the Committee on pre-decision scrutiny items.
10. PROGRESS WITH PANEL WORK 57 - 63
- A report of the Head of the Governance and Human Resources to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.
11. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 64 - 68
- A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.
12. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 69 - 82
- A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources 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:

14th November 2022
12th December 2022
9th January 2023

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?