



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 Committee Room 1, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Tuesday, 11th April 2023 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

30th March 2023

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 12
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 7th March 2023.
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. DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATE 13 - 16

To update on the actions associated with the recommendations of the Digital Transformation Scrutiny Panel six months after the completion of the panel.

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 April 2023:

(a) EXEMPT - Shepshed Public Realm Project: Market Place

An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Planning and Growth, circulated to members.

THIS IS AN EXEMPT REPORT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 14.

(b) EXEMPT - Extension of Environmental Services Contract

An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Contracts, Leisure, Waste and Environment, circulated to members.

THIS IS AN EXEMPT REPORT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 15.

(c) EXEMPT - Extension of Management of Open Spaces Contract

An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Contracts, Leisure, Waste and Environment, circulated to members.

THIS IS AN EXEMPT REPORT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 16.

9. SCRUTINY COMMISSION PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 17 - 18
- A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the Committee on pre-decision scrutiny items.
10. PROGRESS WITH PANEL WORK 19 - 22
- A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.
11. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 23 - 27
- 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 28 - 42
- 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.
13. EXEMPT INFORMATION
- It is recommended that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involve 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 in disclosing the information.
14. SHEPSHED PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: MARKET PLACE
- An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Planning and Growth, circulated to members.
15. EXTENSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT
- An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Contracts, Leisure, Waste and Environment, circulated to members.
16. EXTENSION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACES CONTRACT
- An exempt Cabinet report of the Head of Contracts, Leisure, Waste and Environment, circulated to members.

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?