



SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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To: Councillors Seaton (Chair), Needham (Vice-Chair), B. Gray, Harper-Davies, Lennie, Rattray and N. Taylor (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, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Monday, 9th October 2023 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

29th September 2023

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 13
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 11th September 2023.
3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL 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. SELECTIVE LICENSING SCHEME UPDATE 14 - 19

A report of the Head of Strategic Housing to provide an update in respect of the delivery of the private sector housing selective licensing scheme, and related housing licensing schemes (mandatory and additional).

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 12th October 2023.

(a) Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 20 - 165

A Cabinet report of the Director of Commercial and Economic Development to seek adoption of the Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030 and Climate Change Strategy Action Plan 2023-2030.

(b) Review of the Planning Enforcement Plan 166 - 211

A Cabinet report of the Head of Planning and Growth to seek approval of a revised Planning Enforcement Plan to guide officers in investigating alleged breaches of planning control.

(c) Changes to the Constitution 212 - 237

A Cabinet report of the Head of Planning and Growth and the Head of Governance and Human Resources to propose changes to the Constitution relating to procedures for dealing with planning applications and other planning matters, and to the composition of the Audit Committee.

9. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 238 - 239

A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the

Committee on pre-decision scrutiny items.

10. SCRUTINY PANELS 240 - 244
A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.
11. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 245 - 250
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 251 - 264
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 Scrutiny Commission are scheduled as follows;

13th November 2023
11th December 2023
8th January 2024

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?