



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, 13th November 2023 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

3rd November 2023

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 12
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 9th October 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. 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.

7. CABINET ITEMS FOR PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

The following items have been identified for pre-decision scrutiny from the Cabinet agenda for 16th November 2023.

(a) HRA Business Plan and Capacity Update 13 - 37

A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to seek Cabinet approval for the updated Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2023-2053 and Capacity Review.

8. CABINET RESPONSE TO PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY 38 - 39

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

9. SCRUTINY PANELS 40 - 45

A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.

10. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 46 - 51

A report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.

11. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 52 - 67

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;

11th December 2023

8th January 2024

5th February 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?