



SCRUTINY COMMISSION

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To: Councillors Seaton, Needham (Vice-Chair), B. Gray, Harper-Davies, Lennie, Rattray (Chair) 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, 8th January 2024 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

21st December 2023

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 10

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 11th December 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 11th January 2024.

- (a) Corporate Strategy 2024 - 2028 11 - 26

A Cabinet report of the Chief Executive to present the Corporate Strategy for 2024 – 2028.

- (b) Declassification of Properties Designated for Allocation to People Aged Over 45 Years 27 - 46

A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to seek Cabinet approval for the declassification of 1071 homes (around 20% of the Council's entire stock), which are currently restricted for allocation to those applicants aged 45 years and over.

- (c) Charnwood Grants Strategic Partners 2024/25 - 2025/26 47 - 72

A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to put forward proposals for the Strategic Partner Grant Scheme funding for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

8. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 73 - 74

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

9. SCRUTINY PANELS 75 - 79

A report of the Director of Finance, Governance and Contracts to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.

10. BUDGET SCRUTINY PANEL To Follow

To consider any recommendations and observations of the Budget Scrutiny Panel.

11. WASTE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE 80 - 83

A report of the Head of Contracts: Leisure, Waste and Environment to update the Scrutiny Commission on progress against the actions 5, 6 and 9, recommended by the Waste Management Scrutiny Panel, and agreed by Cabinet on 13th December 2022.

12. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 84 - 88

A report of the Director of Finance, Governance and Contracts enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.

13. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 89 - 103

A report of the Director of Finance, Governance and Contracts 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:

5th February 2024
4th March 2024
2nd April 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?