



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 1, at the Council Offices, Southfields, Loughborough on Monday, 4th March 2024 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

23rd February 2024

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5 - 12

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 5th February 2024.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS, AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

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 7th March 2024.

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| (a) | Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-25 | 13 - 33 |
| | A Cabinet report of the Chief Executive to propose the Council's Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-25. | |
| (b) | Housing Repairs and Maintenance Policy | 34 - 59 |
| | A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to bring the new Housing Repairs and Maintenance Policy to Cabinet for approval. The policy sets the framework for the delivery of all aspects of the repairs service to include repairing responsibilities and the delivery of planned, cyclical and responsive repairs. | |
| (c) | Housing Capital Programme | 60 - 67 |
| | A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to update the housing revenue and capital programme for 2024-25 following the identification of new amounts needed to dry, clean and repair properties following flooding in the borough in January 2024, and the mobilisation of a programme to increase the amount of work undertaken at major voids. | |
| (d) | Sheltered Accommodation Strategy Framework | 68 - 107 |
| | A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to consider the Sheltered Accommodation Strategy Framework. | |
| (e) | Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector | 108 - 121 |
| | A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to enable Cabinet to consider the arrangements for voluntary and community sector grants for the year 2024/2025. | |

8. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 122 - 123
A report of the Cabinet setting out its responses to recommendations of the Committee on pre-decision scrutiny items.
9. SCRUTINY PANELS 124 - 129
A report of the Head of Democracy to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.
10. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 130 - 134
A report of the Head of Democracy enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.
11. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 135 - 148
A report of the Head of Democracy 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:

2nd April 2024
29th April 2024
10th June 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?