



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, 29th April 2024 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

19th April 2024

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 12
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 2nd April 2024.
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 9th May 2024.

- (a) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2024 - 2028 13 - 43

A Cabinet report of the Head of Transformation, Strategy and Performance to set out, following a period of public consultation, Charnwood Borough Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy (2024-2028) for consideration and approval.

- (b) Procurement of a Contractor to Deliver Flood Damage Reinstatement Works 44 - 46

A Cabinet report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing to seek Cabinet approval to procure a contractor to undertake reinstatement works following flood damage. The value of the contract is estimated at over £500k therefore under the Council's procurement rules this distinct report to Cabinet is necessary.

8. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE 47 - 49

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

9. SCRUTINY PANELS 50 - 55

A report of the Head of Democracy to consider updates on the work of scrutiny panels.

10. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 56 - 60

A report of the Head of Democracy enabling the Commission to review and agree the scrutiny work programme.

11. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

61 - 73

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:

10th June 2024
8th July 2024
5th August 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?