

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 7 AUGUST 2023

Report of the Head of Governance and Human Resources

SCRUTINY PANELS

Purpose of Report

To review the progression of scrutiny panels.

Actions Requested

1. To review the progression of scrutiny panels.
2. To approve any panel scoping documents submitted.
3. To commission a Budget Scrutiny Panel for 2023-24, and to identify a Chair for the panel.

Reasons

- 1-3. To ensure timely and effective scrutiny of the matter/subject.
2. To enable panel work to commence.

Scrutiny Panels

At their meeting on 3rd July 2023, the Scrutiny Commission discussed the scrutiny panel procedures. Members requested a list of all of the scrutiny panels that had been undertaken previously to help them understand how panels work and to provide examples of the topics covered.

It was highlighted that a scrutiny workshop would be scheduled in the coming months to allow all non-executive members of the Council to participate in a discussion on potential scrutiny panels to be undertaken.

Members agreed to remove the paused scrutiny panels from the scrutiny panels table; 'Promoting Tourism in Charnwood' and 'Combatting Loneliness'.

Waste Management Scrutiny Panel

At their meeting on 3rd July 2023, the Scrutiny Commission reviewed the progress of the Cabinet-approved recommendations of the Waste Management Scrutiny Panel, six months after completion of the panel. The commission was satisfied with the majority of the actions and closed down recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The commission agreed that an update on the following panel recommendations approved by Cabinet would be required in six months (January 2024);

- Panel Recommendation 5; Promote partner agencies/local groups, businesses and organisations working to reduce waste.
- Panel Recommendation 6; Comms campaign – Charnwood waste champion challenge, what can go in your recycling bin, etc..
- Panel Recommendation 9; Support the establishment of a scrap store/library of things/ other similar initiatives.

Budget Scrutiny Panel

Members are requested to decide whether to commission a Budget Scrutiny Panel for the Council year 2023-24. The Budget Scrutiny Panel is commissioned annually to closely review all aspects of the proposed budget for the following year. The Commission usually appoints a Budget Scrutiny Panel Chair, and non-executive members are asked for expressions of interest in participating in the panel. Preference is usually given to previous Budget Scrutiny Panel members for consistency in terms of knowledge and experience.

Background Papers:	None
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<u>Appendices</u>	Scrutiny Panels.
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