

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

Councillor Request for Scrutiny		
Councillor Thomas		
Proposed topic of scrutiny...	Biodiversity Net gains – New Legislation	
I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Under the Environment Act 2021, all planning permissions granted in England (with a few exemptions) will have to deliver at least 10% biodiversity net gain. This expected to be the case from November 2023. Councillors would like better understanding of what this means for the Council, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method for establishing a baseline required for monitoring • Method for on-going measuring and monitoring • Powers to enforce 10% net gain • Legal agreements between the Council and developers, through S106 or conservation covenants? • Requirements to report to Government. 	
I think this topic should be scrutinised because (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poor Performance Identified
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in Legislation or Local Policy
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Concern or Interest
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabinet Recommendation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Links to the Corporate Strategy
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please state reason)
Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny		
Officer Feedback (please tick)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Officer Comment
- Issue already being addressed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a legal matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Issue is a staffing matter	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there sufficient capacity		

- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓	
- Officer Resources?	✓	
Recommendation	Growth and Development Scrutiny Group	
Lead Officer	Derek Hayden	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	July 2023	

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Request for Scrutiny		
Service Manager – Economic Growth and Property		
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	A review of Rushcliffe Oaks Crematorium	
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Rushcliffe Oaks is a new facility being built in the Borough which will be owned and operated by RBC. It is important councillors understand how this is operating, future plans and any risks/issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has worked well? • Any areas for development? • How is income against forecast? • How many services are being done on a daily/weekly basis? • What is planned to increase/improve this if an issue? • What community engagement has been done or is planned? 	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Links to the Corporate Strategy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please state reason) Totally new area of Council – scrutiny increases Councillor understanding and provides independent and constructive challenge
Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny		
Officer Feedback (please tick)	✓	Officer Comment
- Issue already being addressed	x	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	x	
- Issue is a legal matter	x	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	x	
- Issue is a staffing matter	x	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	x	

Is there sufficient capacity ...	Yes	
- Scrutiny Work Programme?		Growth and Development Scrutiny Group
- Officer Resources?		Catherine Evans and the Crematorium Team
Recommendation	Schedule for scrutiny	
Lead Officer	Catherine Evans	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	Growth and Development Scrutiny Group – July 2023	

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Councillor Clarke		
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	How the Borough works with partners to plan for the infrastructure required to support growth	
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>There is a significant amount of housing growth across the Borough and therefore a requirement for infrastructure to be in place to support this. Councillors would like to understand how the Borough works with partners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the infrastructure required • Identify the wider strategy for infrastructure and how this is planned to ensure a coherent and coordinated response that takes account of the cumulative impact – now and in the future • How stakeholders are engaged in the development of S106 agreements <p>Infrastructure covers a wide range of agencies and areas of work therefore the initial request is for a scrutiny item that seeks to understand the current process from RBC perspective. Future items could then come forward focussed on specific areas of infrastructure with the relevant partner agency engaged.</p>	
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Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny		
Officer Feedback (please tick)		Officer Comment
- Issue already being addressed	x	
- Issue has already been	x	

considered in the last 2 years?		
- Issue is a legal matter	x	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	x	
- Issue is a staffing matter	x	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	x	
Is there sufficient capacity ...		
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓	
- Officer Resources?	✓	
Recommendation	Growth and Development Scrutiny Group	
Lead Officer	Helen Knott / Richard Mapletoft	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	September 2023	

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Councillors Barney, Brennan, Clarke, Combellack, Dickman, and Upton

<p>Proposed topic of scrutiny ...</p>	<p>Sewerage Infrastructure and Discharge within Rushcliffe</p>	
<p>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</p>	<p>Councillors are concerned about sewage infrastructure and unlawful discharges in the Borough and the impact on the environment, humans and wildlife locally.</p> <p>Councillors need to be in a position to reassure residents that sewage is fully treated before any discharge to water courses; a better understanding of the sewage system and controls within the Borough and how the situation can be addressed would therefore be helpful.</p> <p>At Growth and Development Scrutiny in September 2022, representatives from Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency attended to inform Councillors about the situation in Rushcliffe regarding sewage infrastructure and unlawful discharges and their respective roles. At that meeting it was resolved that further scrutiny, related to the issue be brought back to a future meeting of the committee.</p> <p>As the lead local flood authority, Councillors would like to invite Nottinghamshire County Council to attend a meeting of the committee, to provide an overview of their role with regards to Sewerage Infrastructure and Discharge within Rushcliffe and to set out their relevant plans for the coming year.</p>	
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Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Officer Feedback (please tick)		Officer Comment
- Issue already being addressed	x	
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	✓	
- Issue is a legal matter	x	
- Issue of a complaint investigation	x	
- Issue is a staffing matter	x	
- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	x	
Is there sufficient capacity ...		
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓	
- Officer Resources?	✓	
Recommendation	Growth and Development Scrutiny Group	
Lead Officer	Catherine Evans	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	January 2024	

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Councillor Thomas (expanded by officers)		
Proposed topic of scrutiny	Review of the Empty Homes Strategy	
I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Councillor Thomas originally proposed a topic for scrutiny focusing on the Council Tax Options for Empty Homes. Officers felt this was too narrow a focus but that much could be gained from a review of the Council's Empty Homes Strategy including the tools at the Council's disposal to bring empty homes back into occupation for the benefit of Rushcliffe residents.</p> <p>Therefore, officers propose that the Scrutiny Group is given a fuller understanding of the existing Empty Homes Strategy and the tools at the Council's disposal to bring homes back into occupation including the option of an additional charge levied alongside Council Tax.</p>	
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- There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there sufficient capacity		
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- Officer Resources?	✓	
Recommendation	Communities Scrutiny Group	
Lead Officer	Geoff Carpenter / Sarah Whittaker	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	July 2023	

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