

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

Officer Request for Scrutiny			
Geoff Carpenter – Service Manager, Public Protection			
Proposed topic of scrutiny	Smoke Control Areas in the Borough		
I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Smoke Control Area coverage across the Borough is currently limited to an area of West Bridgford and Edwalton which was declared under various orders in 1970s and '80s. The Environment Act 2021 came into force on 1 May 2022 and amends the Clean Air Acts by introducing civil penalties for smoke emissions in a smoke control areas and strengthens offences in relation to the sale of certain solid fuels. The amendments are aimed at helping local authorities reduce pollution from domestic burning particularly very fine particulates.</p> <p>Scrutiny of this topic will provide Councillors with the information and understanding needed to shape the Council's emerging policy on how the new provisions will be implemented across the Borough.</p>		
I think this topic should be scrutinised because (please tick)		Poor Performance Identified	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in Legislation or Local Policy	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resident Concern or Interest	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabinet Recommendation	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Links to the Corporate Strategy	
	Other (please state reason)		
Officer Consideration of Request for Scrutiny			
Officer Feedback (please tick)			
- Issue already being addressed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue of a complaint investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue is a staffing matter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Issue is a legal matter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is there sufficient capacity ...			

- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓	
- Officer Resources?	✓	
Recommendation	Schedule for scrutiny	
Consideration of Request for Scrutiny at COG		
Public Involvement / engagement?		
Expert witnesses?		
Portfolio holder?		
Lead Officer?	Geoff Carpenter	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	October 2023 for Communities Scrutiny Group	

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Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Catherine Evans – Service Manager Economic Growth and Property

Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Review of Growth Boards		
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>The current Growth Boards were established in 2015 and have been reviewed a couple of times since then, the most recent being 2019.</p> <p>Cabinet recommended in June that a review be conducted of the Growth Boards. This review should involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of current Boards TOR to review areas of consistency and differences • A survey of Growth Board members – to reflect on work done to date and also consider priorities for future Board/s • Engagement with/survey of local businesses and other key stakeholders – to consider priorities for future Board/s • The findings of the retail reviews (currently commissioned) and what this says about future focus • A report to scrutiny to review options. <p>The report to scrutiny should include the process the review has taken and an option/s for the future structure of Growth Boards.</p>		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Concern or Interest	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cabinet Recommendation	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Links to the Corporate Strategy	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	
		(please state reason)	
Officer Consideration of Request for Scrutiny			
Officer Feedback (please tick)			
- Issue already being addressed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue of a complaint investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Issue has already been considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue is a staffing matter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

in the last 2 years?			
- Issue is a legal matter	x	There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	x
Is there sufficient capacity ...			
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓		
- Officer Resources?	✓		
Recommendation	Schedule for Scrutiny		
Consideration of Request for Scrutiny at COG			
Public Involvement / engagement?			
Expert witnesses?			
Portfolio holder?			
Lead Officer?	Catherine Evans		
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	October 2023 for Growth and Development Scrutiny Group		

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Councillor Request for Scrutiny			
Darryl Burch – Service Manager Neighbourhoods			
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Use of Community Facilities		
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>Quarter Four performance data for LINS72 Income generated from Community Buildings / Parks, Pitches and Open Spaces raised concern at the June 2023 meeting of the Corporate Overview Group. The Group would like to schedule scrutiny to find out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the financial and performance targets set are realistic • what user expectations are • how other authorities are doing – benchmarking – and what they are charging • how things have changed since Covid • what marketing has been done and whether more is needed • if there are new ideas for usage which would increase income • why income is lower than target and what is being done to improve the situation • what difference the new booking system is making. 		
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Concern or Interest	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabinet Recommendation	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Links to the Corporate Strategy	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please state)	
Officer Consideration of Request for Scrutiny			
Officer Feedback (please tick)			
- Issue already being addressed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue of a complaint investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issue is a staffing matter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Issue is a legal matter	x	There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	x
Is there sufficient capacity ...			
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓		
- Officer Resources?	✓		
Recommendation	Schedule for Scrutiny		
Consideration of Request for Scrutiny at COG			
Public Involvement / engagement?			
Expert witnesses?			
Portfolio holder?			
Lead Officer?	Derek Hayden		
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	June 2024 for Communities Scrutiny Group		

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Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Councillor Thomas	
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Councillor diversity, recruitment and allowances
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<p>With the latest increase to the councillor allowance being less than inflation, what might be the effect on recruitment of councillors on a low income, with childcare needs, or self-employed/freelance?</p> <p>Does this erosion work against diversity?</p> <p>What provision do we have for councillors to claim additional allowances for childcare, loss of earnings, etc when attending meetings?</p> <p>How much funding does the council allocate towards this annually and does this meet the demand?</p> <p>How well are the allowances and other support available publicised when recruiting councillors?</p> <p>Would greater opportunities for virtual attendance (e.g for scrutiny groups, training etc) help recruitment diversity?</p> <p>How do we compare with similar councils in terms of diversity?</p> <p>Is there anything Rushcliffe should further be doing to encourage diversity also in Town/Parish Council recruitment?</p>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Concern or Interest
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet Recommendation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Links to the Corporate Strategy

		Other (please state reason)	
Officer Consideration of Request for Scrutiny			
Officer Feedback (please tick)			
- Issue already being addressed	✓	Issue of a complaint investigation	✗
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	✗	Issue is a staffing matter	✗
- Issue is a legal matter	✗	There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	✓
Is there sufficient capacity ...			
- Scrutiny Work Programme?	✓		
- Officer Resources?	✓		
Recommendation	This is not considered to be an appropriate matter for scrutiny.		
Consideration of Request for Scrutiny at COG			
Public Involvement / engagement?			
Expert witnesses?			
Portfolio holder?			
Lead Officer?			
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group			

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Officer Request for Scrutiny	
Darryl Burch – Service Manager Neighbourhoods	
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Review of Canal and Rivers Trust Partnership Funding
<p>I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)</p>	<p>The Access Agreement between Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) for the Grantham Canal is due to expire in 2024.</p> <p>On 21 July 2022 the Communities Scrutiny Group received a presentation from the CRT regarding performance of the SLA. The Group requested that the item was brought back to scrutiny to enable them to provide comments and help share any future SLA agreement once the current arrangements come to an end.</p> <p>Councillors are, therefore, asked to review performance for the previous monitoring period and make comments on future SLA arrangements and future funding commitments which can be recommend to Cabinet for approval once the current arrangements come to an end.</p> <p>The Government has recently announced a long-term funding settlement for the CRT for the period from 2027 to 2037, to follow on from the current grant agreement. The amount awarded represents a reduction nationally in its funding of over £300 million in real terms over the ten-year period.</p> <p>It represents almost a halving of real-terms public funding for canals in the ten years from 2027 compared with recent years.</p> <p>The Grantham Canal links to the Council’s Corporate Strategy as canals are shown to deliver substantial benefits to the economy, to community health and wellbeing, and to nature and</p>

	biodiversity.		
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		Cabinet Recommendation	
	✓	Links to the Corporate Strategy	
		Other (Please state)	
Officer Consideration of Request for Scrutiny			
Officer Feedback (please tick)			
- Issue already being addressed	×	Issue of a complaint investigation	×
- Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?	✓	Issue is a staffing matter	×
- Issue is a legal matter	×	There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue	×
Is there sufficient capacity ...			
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- Officer Resources?	✓		
Recommendation	Schedule for Scrutiny		
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Portfolio holder?			
Lead Officer?	Derek Hayden		
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	October 2023 for Communities Scrutiny Group		