

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

Officer Request for Scrutiny	
Darryl Burch – Service Manager Neighbourhoods	
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Review of Canal and Rivers Trust Partnership Funding
I would like to understand ... (key lines of enquiry)	<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</p>

	health and wellbeing, and to nature and biodiversity.		
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 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	<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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
- Officer Resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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	October 2023 for Communities Scrutiny Group		