

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	
		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	