

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Councillor C Thomas in conjunction with officers following a motion at Council	
Proposed topic of scrutiny	Management of open spaces within new developments
I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)	<p>There is concern from Councillors about the current arrangements for the management of Open Spaces within new housing developments. This has been considered by Growth and Development scrutiny but based on recent concerns raised it is time to review this again. Concerns include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of consistency with regards to resident fees for maintaining open spaces • Lack of control over fee inflation year on year. • Concern over the perceived fairness of residents paying for the maintenance for public spaces, accessible to everyone. <p>Councillors would therefore like to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current position in Rushcliffe with regards to management of open spaces within new housing developments. Including where there is good practice/frameworks in place. • The scope of 'open spaces' within new housing developments e.g. private gardens, parks, allotments. • The current government legislation with regards to open spaces within new housing development and the associated fees levied on residents. • Understanding what, if anything, other local authorities do. • Is there a role for Council with regards to Management of open spaces within new

	developments and what the implications of that are?
I think this topic should be scrutinised because (please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Performance Identified
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in Legislation or Local Policy
	<input checked="" 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)

- 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?	Leanne Ashmore
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	January 2024 – Growth and Development Scrutiny Group