

Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Request

Councillor Request for Scrutiny		
Councillor ALAN PHILLIPS		
Proposed topic of scrutiny ...	Asylum Dispersal & Contingency Accommodation and to include HMOs	
I would like to explore ... It is helpful to include why you feel this topic requires scrutiny, what concerns you, what concerns are being raised with you, and how scrutiny will lead to better outcomes or services to residents.	We need to scrutinise the Asylum Dispersal & Contingency Accommodation used in Rushcliffe and to include HMOs so that the system is used appropriately and not misused. SERCO should be invited to present to the group how the system works and its appropriateness when housing asylum seekers. We need to understand why the system is geared only around the safety of asylum seekers and not our vulnerable residents. We need to scrutinise our planning system around HMOs to see if and how it can be tightened up to give RBC some control of its own destiny. Without scrutiny this is an issue that is only going to grow arms and legs and become a bigger issue as time goes by. As councillors we need to understand the system fully and be able to scrutinise it properly in an open and transparent forum. Residents are raising concerns about the HMOs in certain areas and the ASB that comes with them. We need to be in a position of knowledge in order to deal with this.	
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)
What outcomes are you seeking from this scrutiny?	To be better equipped to understand and deal with Asylum Dispersal & Contingency Accommodation (including HMOs) in our Wards.	