Rushcliffe Borough Council – Scrutiny Matrix

Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Proposed topic of scrutiny …	**Planning communication and process**
I would like to understand … **(key lines of enquiry)**	With the use of modern technology and the planning portal this should provide greater liaison with parish councils and public. However, as a consequence of this greater exposure the public and parish councils do not feel they are kept informed of the progress of an application and do not get responses to queries either by e mail or through the web portal. The whole process of communication needs thorough scrutiny. Interpretation of policy is left in the hands, often of one officer. However there needs to be a greater emphasis on consistency. If times for consultations are set for public and parish councils then officers should also have time constraints. Further details and specific examples provided under separate cover.

I think this topic should be scrutinised because … **(please tick)**	✓	**Poor Performance Identified**
		Change in Legislation or Local Policy
	✓	**Resident Concern or Interest**
		Cabinet Recommendation
	✓	**Links to the Corporate Strategy**
		Other (please state reason)

Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Officer Feedback (please tick)	✓	Officer Comment
- **Issue already being addressed**	✓	Various aspects of planning have been scrutinised in recent years. With new legislation expected, key changes taking place internally to improve the efficiency of services and alterations in line with the June 2021 Cabinet report, time should be allowed for these changes to take place before scrutinising this function further.
- **Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?**	✓	
- **Issue is a legal matter**		
- **Issue of a complaint investigation**		
- **Issue is a staffing matter**		
- **There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue**	✓	Feedback provided to Service Manager – Planning to investigate
Is there sufficient capacity …		
- **Scrutiny Work Programme?**		
- **Officer Resources?**		
Recommendation		Item is held over until 2022/23 work programme is considered.
Lead Officer		
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group		

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Officer Request for Scrutiny	
Proposed topic of scrutiny …	WISE enviro crime partnership
I would like to understand … **(key lines of enquiry)**	In Summer 2020, the Communities Scrutiny Group scrutinised reviewed enviro crime and recommended the Council seek additional enforcement resources. The Council entered into a trial partnership with a private company called WISE in January 2021 for a period of 12 months. Officers are comfortable with the effectiveness of this partnership and would like to share that success with the Group; at the same time as seeking approval to extend the trial partnership.

I think this topic should be scrutinised because … **(please tick)**		
		Poor Performance Identified
	✓	**Change in Legislation or Local Policy**
		Resident Concern or Interest
		Cabinet Recommendation
	✓	**Links to the Corporate Strategy**
		Other (please state reason)

Officer Consideration of Officer Request for Scrutiny

Officer Feedback (please tick)	✓	Officer Comment
- **Issue already being addressed**		
- **Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?**		
- **Issue is a legal matter**		
- **Issue of a complaint investigation**		
- **Issue is a staffing matter**		
- **There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue**		
Is there sufficient capacity …		

-	**Scrutiny Work Programme?**		
-	**Officer Resources?**		
Recommendation		To review the performance of the enviro crime enforcement project and discuss whether the Council seeks a permanent solution	
Lead Officer		Geoff Carpenter – Service Manager, Public Protection	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group		Communities Scrutiny Group July 2021	

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Officer Request for Scrutiny		
Proposed topic of scrutiny …	**Community Infrastructure Levy**	
I would like to understand … **(key lines of enquiry)**	The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was adopted in October 2019. Funds are now being collected and it is important to formulate a policy/protocol for how this money will be allocated/spent. The report will address the following issues: • What is the Community Infrastructure Levy? – general overview • What is the difference between Section 106 agreements and CIL? • What infrastructure can be funded using CIL contributions? • How will CIL contributions be allocated/committed to infrastructure projects?	
I think this topic should be scrutinised because … **(please tick)**		**Poor Performance Identified**
	✓	**Change in Legislation or Local Policy**
		Resident Concern or Interest
		Cabinet Recommendation
		Links to the Corporate Strategy
		Other (please state reason)

Officer Consideration of Officer Request for Scrutiny		
Officer Feedback (please tick)	✓	**Officer Comment**
- **Issue already being addressed**		
- **Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?**	✓	In part – Growth and Development Scrutiny Group October 2019 [on introduction of CIL legislation to aid

		Councillor's understanding of the scheme]
- **Issue is a legal matter**		
- **Issue of a complaint investigation**		
- **Issue is a staffing matter**		
- **There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue**		
Is there sufficient capacity …		
- **Scrutiny Work Programme?**		
- **Officer Resources?**		
Recommendation	To understand more about how the scheme is operating and shape the direction of funding spend	
Lead Officer	Andrew Pegram – Service Manager, Planning	
Proposed Timescale for Scrutiny and Scrutiny Group	Growth and Development Scrutiny Group October 2021	

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Councillor Request for Scrutiny	
Proposed topic of scrutiny …	**Community Facilities and Assets**
I would like to understand … **(key lines of enquiry)**	Following scrutiny of community facilities in West Bridgford in January 2020 and the serious impact of Covid-19 on those facilities, this investigation is seeking to understand: • The usage of each facility following the Covid-19 pandemic – what this is restricted to and what recovery looks like • The new policies and risk assessments related to Covid-19 for different activities • Current usage and customer satisfaction data • Comparisons pre and post pandemic • Recovery plans for each facility. We feel that this scrutiny would benefit from public engagement including users, group bookings, party bookings and those that do not use the facilities. We would like this scrutiny to focus on the same facilities outlined in the January 2020 report to Communities Scrutiny Group and for the exercise to include a visioning exercise to look at future uses and improvements to the Council's community facilities.

	This will hopefully inform a number of outcomes including: • An easy to access online timetable of activities (linked to further information) at each facility • A better booking process • A communications and marketing plan • A post Covid-19 recovery plan for community facilities.

I think this topic should be scrutinised because …
 (please tick)
	✓ **Poor Performance Identified**
	     Change in Legislation or Local Policy
	 ✓ **Resident Concern or Interest**
	     Cabinet Recommendation
	     Links to the Corporate Strategy
	     Other (please state reason)

Officer Consideration of Councillor Request for Scrutiny

Officer Feedback (please tick)	✓	Officer Comment
- **Issue already being addressed**		
- **Issue has already been considered in the last 2 years?**	✓	In part and is referred to in the above
- **Issue is a legal matter**		
- **Issue of a complaint investigation**		
- **Issue is a staffing matter**		
- **There is an alternative way of dealing with the issue**		
Is there sufficient capacity …		
- **Scrutiny Work Programme?**		
- **Officer Resources?**		
Recommendation		To make best possible use of the Council's community facilities and provide high quality, easy to access, cost efficient services to residents
Lead Officer		Darryl Burch

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