



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

To - Scrutiny Management Team

Date of meeting – 11th August, 2015

Notes of - Committee Administrator

BRIEFING NOTES – ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Background

1. At the first meeting of the municipal year, when considering the annual work programme, the Team felt that there appeared to be some potential for further topics to be included.
2. The Team therefore agreed to invite all Members to submit further suggestions for topics for scrutiny, for consideration at this meeting.
3. Details of suggestions for new topics received are provided for the Team's consideration.

Suggested topics

Topic	Background information
<p>It is requested that the monitoring report on the Scrutiny Review of Promoting Pendle, be given due consideration, particularly asking what the plans are for marketing the borough at the Cycle Race.</p> <p>Reference was made to the very well promoted Barrowford Festival that has recently taken place.</p>	<p>A monitoring report on the Scrutiny Review of Promoting Pendle is elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>Members are advised that a Communications Plan has been drawn up for the Tour of Britain Cycle Race which includes a Visitor/Tourism Section.</p> <p>The marketing of the event has been overseen by the Tour Of</p>

	<p>Britain Member Working Group, the details of which will be reported verbally at the meeting.</p>
<p>It is suggested that the Scrutiny Committee could revisit the survey they did some time ago about parking in Barrowford.</p>	<p>A scrutiny review of town centre parking was completed in October 2007 where it was found that opportunities to provide further parking in Barrowford were severely limited. Progress on actions from the review were monitored until May 2010 when it was agreed that no further monitoring was required. Any actions with partial compliance were referred to the relevant area committee for consideration.</p> <p>A more recent review of town centres took place in 2012/2013, which also covered issues around parking. Although no comments were received in the public opinion survey in respect of car parking in Barrowford, it was established that off-street car parking was extremely limited.</p> <p>There is currently one long stay car park in Barrowford, on Greenfield Road, with 30 unmarked bays. There are also 28 short stay parking spaces on the Booth's Supermarket car park, with an additional five disabled only parking bays.</p> <p>There are two residents' only parking schemes in place (one in the Nora Street area and one in the Wilton Street area). There is also an outstanding application for residents' only parking on Fountain Sq/Riverway.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Priority Fund</p>	<p>Lancashire County Council's Neighbourhood Priority Scheme is a Lancashire-wide scheme to provide extra support to the 10% most deprived communities in the county. It enables communities, councillors and MPs to put forward small projects to be considered on</p>

	<p>agreed criteria.</p> <p>Members are advised that this Fund is within the jurisdiction of County Council and it is doubtful whether there would be anything to be gained by this Council's Scrutiny Team looking at it.</p>
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4. In determining items for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme the following criteria should be borne in mind –
 - ◆ Issue is related to the Council's priorities
 - ◆ Issue is matter of concern to Members/the public
 - ◆ Issue is not currently under review by another body or has been recently reviewed
 - ◆ Issue is one where something can be done and a scrutiny review could make a difference
 - ◆ The timing is right

5. The Scrutiny Team's priorities should also have a bearing –
 - To drive improvements in public services which affect people in Pendle
 - To ensure that Pendle people's views and concerns are heard and are able to influence change
 - To be a critical friend in challenging the Council's Executive and its partners
 - To lead and own the scrutiny role in Pendle independently and impartially in the public interest

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