

To: Members of the Scrutiny Management Team (Councillors Nawaz Ahmed, Wayne Blackburn, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Dorothy Lord, Nathan McCollum, Noel McEvoy, Brian Newman, Steve Petty, Ken Turner (Chairman), David Whalley and Sheila Wicks.)

Other Members of the Council for information Press/Local Radio

NOTICE OF MEETING



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT TEAM

TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY, 2018 AT 7.00 P.M.

WILSON ROOM, NELSON TOWN HALL

(LIST OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ATTACHED)

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A MEETING OF THE

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT TEAM

will be held at

7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23RD JANUARY, 2018 at the Town Hall, Nelson

The meeting will commence with

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Committee.



Members of the public may speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest.

Petitions may also be presented

You should try to make your request in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. If you are unable to do this however, the Chairman may still allow you to speak if you turn up at the meeting.

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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT TEAM 23RD JANUARY, 2018

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

Whipping declarations are also required.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

Enc. To approve or otherwise the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November, 2017.

4. TOGETHER HOUSING

lan Clark, the Director of Strategy and Communications at Together Housing Group will provide an update on the work of the Group over the last 12 months.

5. REVIEWS

Disabled Facilities Grants

Further to a review of disabled facilities grants being included in the Team's work programme, the attached briefing note is submitted for consideration. (Report to follow)

6. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Enc. A recent press release associated with the Communities and Local Government Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees is submitted for information.

Pendle submitted a response to a survey of councils which formed part of the evidence considered by the Communities and Local Government Committee.

Members will be aware that from the Annual Council meeting this year the Council is moving from executive arrangements to a Committee system. Under this there is no legal requirement to have a formal scrutiny function and the Council has resolved not to have a Scrutiny Committee. It has however indicated that the full Council and the new Policy and Resources Committee may appoint ad hoc panels to undertake scrutiny reviews on specific issues. In addition there will be a Standing Panel to look at Health issues.

Under its existing scrutiny function the Council has in very large part followed the first six bullet point recommendations of the Communities and Local Government Committee and Members will no doubt wish it to continue to do so under the new arrangements.

The full report can be accessed via the following link - <u>Effectiveness of local authority</u> overview and scrutiny committees

7. COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY

Enc. To receive the attached briefing note which provides an update on the implementation of the Countryside Access Strategy 2014 - 2018.

The Strategy can be accessed via the following link - Countryside Access Strategy 2014-18

8. LCC HEALTH SCRUTINY CO-OPTEES REPORT

Enc. Councillor W. Blackburn, the Council's co-optee on the Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee will report on that Committee's work over the last six months.

9. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL UPDATE

Enc. The Council's representative on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel will provide an update on the work of the Panel. A note on the provisional police funding settlement 2018/19 is submitted for information.

10. EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Enc. As reported to the last meeting of the Team, the Council's equality objectives were last set in 2014. New equality objectives have been developed for 2018-2022 and are submitted for consideration.

11. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Enc. The draft minutes of a meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on 12th December, 2017 are submitted for information.

12. WORK PLAN

Enc. The Team's work plan 2017/18 is submitted for information.

13. EXECUTIVE WORK PROGRAMME/FORWARD PLAN

Enc. To consider any issues arising from the Executive Forward Plan published on 15th January, 2018.