



SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Reader

Scrutiny Members examine the decisions, policies and performance of the Council and make recommendations where they feel things could be improved for the citizens of York.

This non-Executive Member cross-party role was created by the Local Government Act 2000 which is all about modernising local government and creating better ways for citizens to be more involved in local decision making.

The scrutiny boards will consider possible suggestions about issues to look at from anyone, so long as these are not specific issues of an individual nature which should be taken up with a local Councillor or addressed through the Corporate Complaints system.

Scrutiny at York has already investigated things as diverse as the response to the 2000 floods, affordable housing, provision for young people in York, rail-side safety and street cleaning.

If you have a suggestion for something the scrutiny boards might consider, then please fill in this registration form and return it to us, either by post or by e-mail.

Madeleine Kirk

Cllr Madeleine Kirk
Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee



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SUGGESTED TITLE OF TOPIC Key Strategic Partnership Working	
ABOUT YOU Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.	
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Are You (delete as applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Resident of York • A Visitor • A City of York Councillor • A City of York Council Employee • A Representative of a Voluntary Organisation or Charitable Trust (if YES please tell us the organisations title and your relationship to the organisation below) • Other (please comment) 	YES NO YES NO NO

ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC

Please write your responses to as many of the questions below as you are able to.

WHY DO YOU THINK THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT?

Partnership working is key to delivering the Council and the Government's wider agendas for York. There was a clear indication in the recent CPA review of dissatisfaction from some Council partners including regarding the Local Strategic Partnership (Without Walls) Board. There has also been internal recognition of problems with the Council's partnership working.

-Successful partnership working is of key importance in terms of working effectively to deliver LPSA targets which will also bring additional financial rewards. This is important in terms of maintaining the good CPA rating in future tests, as opposed to dropping to 'fair'.

DO YOU KNOW IF THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT TO OTHER PEOPLE? IF SO, WHO AND WHY?

-The Council's partners
-The topic is important to York residents in terms of efficiently delivering good quality joined up services across the public sector from the Council and its partners.

WHAT DO YOU THINK SCRUTINY OF THIS TOPIC MIGHT CHANGE, DO OR ACHIEVE?

-We need to understand what is wrong locally with the present arrangements and allow the identification of good practice.

-Identify which partnerships, such as perhaps the Children's Trust, are performing well and why and use these as examples of good performance.

-Recommend improvements to other partnerships, working procedures, etc.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT THE APPROACH SCRUTINY MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE TO YOUR SUGGESTED TOPIC?

-Look at the Without Walls and other partnership resources and structures and modes of operation.

-Talk to partners about the way partnerships are performing.

-Seek best practice advice and examples from elsewhere.

-Talk to officers involved in supporting partnerships

WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO TALK TO SCRUTINY MEMBERS ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC AT FORMAL MEETINGS?

YES

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE SUBMISSION OF THIS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Thank you for proposing a new scrutiny topic. As Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee and Scrutiny Boards we promise the following things;

- To advise you of any meetings where a decision will be taken as to whether to progress your topic and invite you to attend
- If Members would like you to speak in support of your topic at such meetings you will be notified and supported through the process by a Scrutiny Officer
- If you do not wish to speak you do not have to; your choice will not influence fair consideration of your topic.

Please return this form to the address below or send it by email. If you want any more information about Scrutiny or submitting a new topic for consideration then please contact the Scrutiny Team.

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