



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 LTP2	
ABOUT YOU Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.	
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Are You (delete as applicable)	
• A Resident of York	YES
• A Visitor	NO
• A City of York Councillor	YES
• A City of York Council Employee	NO
• A Representative of a Voluntary Organisation or Charitable Trust (if YES please tell us the organisations title and your relationship to the organisation below)	NO
• Other (please comment)	

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?

-This issue is of vital importance to the people of York in terms of the proposals for the next five years and the longer term planning for the next fifteen years. We need to understand if the right strategy has been adopted given the failure to consult on strategic options.

-Need to avoid repeating any mistakes for LTP3

-Need to understand how certain schemes have been prioritised and see if adjustments to the strategy and spending profiles are needed to make the best use of LTP2 resources.

-The LTP2 has failed to include local actions to address air quality issues in the five areas of the City identified as being in breach of air quality standards.

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

The draft LTP2 itself has received extensive press coverage, and more generally, transport issues are of major public interest. There is strong public pressure on the council to address key transport issues – which is only likely to increase.

The LTP2 must be prepared in line with a strict schedule – which would therefore impose a clear timetable on the work of the scrutiny board on this topic.

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

-It will analyse whether the LTP2 will deliver the anticipated results and what the effect the 7% growth in traffic will be on travel times, business and air quality issues.

-Identify why in terms of the 2005 APR the authority only received a 'fair' assessment and what is needed to avoid it in the future.

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

The Scrutiny Board should play an active part in consulting with residents. In addition they should meet with experts and interest groups in York (cycling groups, bus users, businesses etc) to hear first hand their views on the plan and what they would like to see in terms of action on transport in the City in future.

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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