

Scrutiny Management Committee

30 May 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Possible Topics for Ad Hoc Sub Committees

Summary

1. This report asks Members to consider a report on the number of outstanding scrutiny topics which have been registered but not yet taken forward. They are asked to make recommendations as to which ones are to be the subject of Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committees and to consider the membership of any such Sub-Committees. They are also asked to consider topics which were being carried out by former Scrutiny Boards which have not finished their investigations.

Background

2. At present there are 14 outstanding scrutiny topics, i.e. for various reasons, they have not been progressed through the scrutiny process but have also not been ruled out as a potential scrutiny topic for progression at a later date.
3. A list showing the outstanding topics is attached at Annex A

Options

4. These may be progressed by an Ad Hoc Sub Committee, kept pending for progression at a later stage or closed.
5. The following topics from former Scrutiny Boards have not had their investigations completed. The former Chairmen request that Ad Hoc Sub Committees are formed to allow them to finish their work:
 - a. Housing Scrutiny Board "Sustainable Street Lighting"
 - b. Planning and Transport Scrutiny Board "Reducing Carbon Emissions from York's Housing"
 - c. Commercial Services Scrutiny Board "Community Recycling and Re-use in York"
 - d. Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Board "Guidance for Sustainable Development"

Analysis

6. There is the potential for 4 Ad Hoc Sub-Committees to be formed, with the possibility of a 5th for urgent topics. Members may wish to see the work of the former Scrutiny Boards continuing, but should bear in mind that this would delay the commencement of any new work.

Implications

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 - **Financial** there are no known financial implications
 - **Human Resources (HR)** there are no known HR implications)
 - **Equalities** there are no known Equalities implications
 - **Legal** there are no known legal implications
 - **Crime and Disorder** there are no known Crime and Disorder implications
 - **Information Technology (IT)** There are no known IT implications
 - **Other** there are no known other implications

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to note the outstanding scrutiny topics and consider how they wish to review these in the future.
10. Members are asked to consider creating Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub Committees for the uncompleted topics previously under investigation by former Scrutiny Boards. The options are:
 - a) To carry on with the four existing topics with target dates for completion

- b) To amalgamate these topics into one new Ad Hoc "Sustainability" Sub-Committee with membership to be drawn from the previous Scrutiny Boards (a list of the members is enclosed at Annex B)

11. Members are asked to consider outstanding registered Scrutiny topics and decide which ones should be progressed by new Ad Hoc sub Committees.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex A: List showing the outstanding registered scrutiny topics
Annex B: List of members of former Scrutiny Boards mentioned in item 9

Background papers

None