



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



Annex A
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<p>SUGGESTED TITLE OF TOPIC</p> <p>Highways Maintenance Procurement Process</p>	
<p>ABOUT YOU Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.</p>	
<p>Title (delete as applicable): Mr Mrs Miss Ms</p> <p>Other please state: Councillor</p>	
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<p>Are You (delete as applicable)</p> <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) 	<p>YES /</p> <p>/ NO</p> <p>YES /</p> <p>/ NO</p> <p>/ NO</p>

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?

-Represents major potential savings to the Council which were identified in the original proposals in 2003.

-There have been major delays to this process which have not been properly accounted for and which the Labour Group estimates could amount to around £670'000 in lost savings.

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

-The issue is in the interest of the Council tax payer in terms of lost savings and higher than necessary Council Tax rises due to the effect on the budget situation.

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

-Hold officers to account for the delays in the procurement process and resultant lost savings.

-Address the District Auditor's concerns that the Authority still needs to establish a strategic procurement policy.

-Establish an effective procurement strategy to ensure future procurement exercises are more effective.

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

-There is a need to understand the managerial decisions involved in the process, so a full review of the history of the process is required

-Speak to officers about the decisions made and delays in the process

-Examine best practice evidence from other local authorities who have established a more effective procurement practice.

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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