
Scrutiny Management Committee

4 September 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Proposed New Scrutiny Topics: Key Strategic Partnership Working (no 138), Local Transport Plan – LTP2 (no 139) and Parking, Paving and Verges (no 140) – Results of Feasibility Studies

Summary

1. This report asks Members to consider the topic registration forms and feasibility reports that have been carried out in respect of three newly registered Scrutiny Topics and to decide whether or not to progress the topics, giving reasons for their decision.

Background

2. A feasibility report has been prepared in respect of each of the following registered scrutiny topics:
 - No 138 Key Strategic Partnership Working by Cllr David Merrett in May 2006. The topic registration form is attached at Annex A and the feasibility report at Annex B.
 - No 139 LTP2. Registered by Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing in May 2006. The topic registration form is attached at Annex C and the feasibility report at Annex D.
 - No 140 Parking, Paving and Verges. Registered by Cllr Andrew D'Agorne in July 2006. The topic registration form is attached at Annex E and the feasibility report at Annex F.
3. The purpose of the feasibility report is to:
 - support Members in making an informed decision as to whether to progress the registered topic

- alert Members as to whether the new topic duplicates work already being done through another channel
- provide evidence that would enable Committees and Sub-Committees to scope a topic more effectively and faster if it is decided to take it forward.

Consultation

4. The feasibility process involved consultation with relevant officers and the appropriate Executive Member - details can be found in the Annexes to this report. Members need to be aware that some consultees may not have responded.

Options

5. After considering the contents of the topic registration forms and feasibility reports Members may decide to:
 - Not progress the topic further, giving reasons
 - Add the topics to the list of those available for progression to an Ad Hoc Sub Committee when resources become available to form these.

Analysis

6. Members need to be aware that uncompleted reports from former Scrutiny Boards are still being finished by Ad Hoc Sub Committees. This may limit the opportunities to progress new topics at this time.

Corporate Priorities

7. Members may consider that Topic 138 is relevant to the Corporate Priority 12, Topic 139 is relevant to Corporate Priority 2 and that Topic 140 is relevant to Corporate Priority 3.

Implications

8. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

9. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to decide how they wish to progress scrutiny topics numbers 138, 139 and 140.

Reason: In order to carry out their responsibilities in managing the Scrutiny function in York

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Wards Affected:**All**

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Annexes

Annex A – Topic 138 Registration Form
Annex B – Topic 138 Feasibility Report
Annex C – Topic 139 Registration Form
Annex D – Topic 139 Feasibility Report
Annex E – Topic 140 Registration Form
Annex F – Topic 140 Feasibility Report

Background Papers

None