



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 Public Art	
ABOUT YOU Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.	
Title (delete as applicable): Mr Other please state	
First Name: Chris	Surname: Hogg
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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 YES YES / NO YES / 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?

In 1998 the City Council approved a policy proposing that 1% of the total cost of any new development would be set-aside for Public Art.

It is essential that this policy is scrutinised in order to ensure that the City is gaining maximum benefit for its public environment and cultural life.

A consideration of the nature and use of Public art appropriate to the city would also help inform decisions on the use of such money in the future.

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

This topic is important to the future culture and heritage of York. The Public Art policy is one of the few means of achieving extra funding for a wide range of art forms and with the correct implementation is also capable of increasing visitors to the city. Having these sorts of funds available to the city could also lever in additional external funds for investment in the city. This will be seen as a matter of great importance to many as it could improve the built cityscape for residents and visitors alike.

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

The scrutiny will allow an examination of the policy's relevance eight years after its inception, and where necessary update it to the City's current needs ensuring effective implementation and promoting closer cross directorate working.

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

Review of current implementation

Review of recent public art interventions in the city

Consideration of best practice from similar city environments

Contributions from Planners, developers, architects, urban designers, heritage sector as well as artists.

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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