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## **Scrutiny Management Committee**

**23 October 2006**

### **Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services**

## **Schedule of Registered Scrutiny Topics Available for Review**

### **Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to ask members to reconsider two registered scrutiny topics which were deferred from the meeting of 25 September. Members may make recommendations as to whether either of them can be the subject of Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committees either immediately or in the future.

### **Background**

2. At their meeting on 25 September members considered Topic 139 on the subject of Local Transport Plan 2 which was originally submitted by Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing. It was decided to defer a decision to enable the Executive Member to be invited to the next meeting in order to clarify the position before a decision is made whether or not to review the topic.
3. Members also decided to defer Topic 120 on Traffic Congestion in York, also submitted by Cllr Simpson-Laing, which was considered to be related to 139.
4. Cllr Ann Reid, Executive Member for City Strategy, has been invited to the meeting to explain the processes and the involvement of members in determining the strategy and implementation of LTP2

### **Consultation**

5. Consultation with relevant officers was been carried out when these topics were originally registered and this report is to enable members to consult further with the Executive Member. This should enable them to decide if it would be useful to take either of these topics further or consider some alternative

course of action.

### **Options**

6. Having regard to the topic registration forms and feasibility reports members may decide to:
  - a. Not progress the topics further, giving reasons
  - b. Retain one or both topics on the list of those available for progression to an Ad Hoc Sub Committee pending resources becoming available at a later date.
  - c. Form an Ad Hoc Sub Committee now to consider one of the topics.

### **Analysis**

7. Members will be aware that they authorised the formation of two new Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committees at the September meeting. Following this meeting, all other Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee work outstanding should be drawing to a conclusion, provided Members are able to endorse the two outstanding reports on this agenda. This will leave capacity in scrutiny officer resources to undertake 1 further review in the near future.

### **Corporate Priorities**

8. Having a full and effective scrutiny programme can only help contribute to the Council's overall aims to improve its organisational effectiveness.
9. Specifically, the two topics under consideration as part of this report relate to the following corporate priorities:

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### **Implications**

10. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage associated with this particular report.

### **Risk Management**

11. There are no known risks associated with these specific topics at this stage in the process.

## Recommendations

12. Members are asked to consider the outstanding scrutiny topics and decide whether to proceed with either at this stage.

**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

Related feasibility studies and topic registration forms.

### Background Papers

None