
Scrutiny Management Committee

26 June 2006

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**Proposed New Scrutiny Topics: Highways
Maintenance Procurement Process (no 135) and
Public Art (no 137)**

Summary

1. This report asks members to consider the topic registration forms and feasibility reports that have been carried out in respect of two 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 135 Highways Maintenance Procurement Process. Registered by Cllr Tracey Simpson-Lang in April 2006. the topic registration form is attached at Annex A and the feasibility report at Annex B.
 - No 137 Public Art. Registered by Cllr Chris Hogg in May 2006. The topic registration form is attached at Annex C and the feasibility report at Annex D.
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 are contained in the attached Annexes.

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
 - Progress the topic by forming an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub Committee. Remit and scope of the topic and membership of Sub Committee to be determined.
 - Put the topic 'on hold' for a future Sub-Committee
 - Request that further information on the topics be brought back to the Committee before a decision is made on whether or not to progress

Analysis

6. Members need to be aware that uncompleted reports from former Scrutiny Boards are currently being finished by Ad Hoc Sub Committees. These are expected to be completed by the end of July 2006. Members may want to consider delaying the formation of any new Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committees until such time as the existing outstanding reviews are completed by the end of July and until they have received further information on a coordinated work programme for scrutiny at the next meeting.

Corporate Priorities

7. Members may consider that Topic 135 is relevant to the Transforming York Corporate Priority and that Topic 137 is relevant to the York Pride Corporate Priority.

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 deal with scrutiny topics numbers 135 and 137.

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

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) *List information for all*

Implication ie Financial

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Title

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Implication ie Legal

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Title

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Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

Annex A –D Feasibility Reports

Background Papers

None