



SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION FORM

PROPOSED TOPIC: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CCTV, IN RELATION TO THE COSTS INVOLVED				
COUNCILLOR(S) REGISTERING THE TOPIC: CLLR D. BOWGETT				
<p>SECTION 1: ABOUT THE TOPIC</p> <p>Please complete this section as thoroughly as you can. The information provided will help Scrutiny Officers and Scrutiny Members to assess the following key elements to the success of any scrutiny review:</p> <p><i>How a review should best be undertaken given the subject</i> <i>Who needs to be involved</i> <i>What should be looked at</i> <i>By when it should be achieved; and</i> <i>Why we are doing it ?</i></p>				
<p>Please describe how the proposed topic fits with 3 of the eligibility criteria attached.</p> <p><i>As a general rule, topics will only proceed to review if they meet 3 of the criteria below. However, where it is adequately demonstrated that a topic is of significant public interest and fits with the first criteria but does not meet 3, Scrutiny Management Committee may still decide to allocate the topic for review. Please indicate which 3 criteria the review would meet and the relevant scrutiny roles:</i></p>				
	✓	Policy Development & Review	Service Improvement & Delivery	Accountability of Executive Decisions
Public Interest (ie. in terms of both proposals being in the public interest and resident perceptions)			✓	
Under Performance / Service Dissatisfaction				
In keeping with corporate priorities			✓	
Level of Risk				
Service Efficiency				
National/local/regional significance e.g. A central government priority area, concerns joint working arrangements at a local 'York' or wider regional context			✓	

Set out briefly the purpose of any scrutiny review of your proposed topic. What do you think it should achieve?

If you have not already done so above, please indicate in response to this, how any review would be in the public or Council's interest e.g. reviewing recycling options in the city would reduce the cost to the Council for landfill

To identify the current cost to the council of the provision and maintenance of CCTV across the city

To understand the public's perception of its effectiveness – does it make them feel safer or is it seen as an invasion of privacy?

To identify any improvements that may increase the level of its effectiveness both as a deterrent and tool for gaining convictions, and as a way of reducing the fear of crime

Please explain briefly what you think any scrutiny review of your proposed topic should cover.

This information will be used to help prepare a remit for the review should Scrutiny Management Committee decide the topic meets the criteria e.g. How much recycling is presently being done and ways of increasing it

Understanding the current level of coverage across the city i.e. the number of cameras and operators, the number of man hours

Understanding how it is funded e.g. do Partners and/or external organisations contribute to the running costs?

Gathering residents and business owners views on its effectiveness

Please indicate which other Councils, partners or external services could, in your opinion, participate in the review, saying why.

Involving the right people throughout the process is crucial to any successful review e.g. CYC Commercial Services / other local councils who have reviewed best practice for recycling / other organisations who use recycled goods

Safer York Partnership, NY Police, Businesses, Residents, CCTV Operators

Explain briefly how, in your opinion, such a review might be most efficiently undertaken?

This is not about who might be involved (addressed above) but how the review might be conducted e.g. sending a questionnaire to each household to gather information on current recycling practices and gathering information on how recycling is carried out in Cities similar to York

A visit to the control centre to understand how the system works in York and the current level of coverage across the city – opportunity to meet the operators and gather their views.

Consider its usefulness both as a deterrent and a method of achieving a conviction, using available crime statistics to identify how many convictions have been achieved as a result of CCTV evidence etc

Also, as many Councils have already carried out a scrutiny review of this topic, it may be useful to take a look at their findings to compare and learn from them.

Invite business owners and the Police to attend a meeting of the Committee to gather their views of its effectiveness and identify any issues they have with the current level of provision

Estimate the timescale for completion.

Please circle below the nearest timescale group, in your estimation, based on the information you have given in this form.

- (a) 1-3 months; ✓
- (b) 3-6 months; or
- (c) 6-9 months

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE SUBMISSION OF THIS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.

Information on scrutiny reviews carried out by other Councils could be provided

SYP could also provide some statistics