



Scrutiny topic registration form

* Proposed topic: Development Adoptions
 * Councillor registering the topic Watt - Councillor Joe Watt

Submitted due to an unresolved 'Cllr Call for Action' enquiry

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:

- How** a review should best be undertaken given the subject
- Who** needs to be involved
- What** should be looked at
- By when** it should be achieved; and
- Why we are doing it ?**

Please describe how the proposed topic fits with 3 of the eligibility criteria attached.

	Yes?	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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under Performance / Service Dissatisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In keeping with corporate priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Risk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National/local/regional significance e.g. A central government priority area, concerns joint working arrangements at a local 'York' or wider regional context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Set out briefly the purpose of any scrutiny review of your proposed topic. What do you

think it should achieve?

I propose a review of the Council's policy on post development adoptions and its performance in achieving timely adoptions. My reasons for a review are that too many adoptions are taking too long to achieve - 10years is apparently not unusual. The consequences are that: a. Residents do not get the quality of services to which they are entitled. b. Facilities are not maintained to required standards for prolonged periods. c. The Council is not able to maintain services in a timely manner. d. Residents do not get their entitled return on their Council Tax payment. e. Housing costs are increased because of additional costs to developers.

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

The review should cover: a. The adoption process. b. The timescales for achieving adoptions. c. Reasons for the long timescales to adoptions. d. Effects on service support for residents affected by unadopted facilities and services. e. The Review should determine if the Council has a formal or informal policy of delaying adoptions in order to keep maintenance costs with developers. f. It should be determined if the Council is failing Council Tax Payers by delaying the adoption process.

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

Representatives from housing and other such developers active in the City of York should be consulted.

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

A review should be part of the 'Workplan' of the 'Effective Organisation' Overview and Scrutiny Committee and be undertaken by a sub working group of that committee.

Estimate the timescale for completion.

- 1-3 months
- 3-6 months
- 6-9 months

Support documents or other useful information

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Submitted by: Councillor Joe Watt