

**SCRUTINY TOPIC ASSESSMENT FORM FOR COUNCILLORS**  
**'ONE PAGE STRATEGY'**

**What is the broad topic area?**

York Museums Trust

**What is the specific topic area?**

*i.e. what should be included & excluded from the topic? What are the drivers behind the topic?*

To look more closely at the Management of the Museums etc, i.e:

- the working of the Trust and its aims
- their decision making process and how this relates to the wishes of the council
- their consultation process

**Ambitions for the review:**

*i.e. what is the review trying to achieve & why e.g. financial / efficiency savings and/or performance improvements? What will be different as a result of the review?*

Transparency of the Trust's aims

(To understand how the decisions taken by the Trust are being made and to ensure they are working in line with the Partnership Delivery Plan )

To make the trust less of an independent organisation.

To ensure the Trust's accountability to the council and the public on a more frequent and intimate basis.

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(For completion by the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

**Does it have a potential impact on one or more sections of the population?**

Yes  No

**Is it a corporate priority or concern to the council's partners?**

Yes  No

**Will the review add value? and lead to effective outcomes?**

Yes  No

**Will the review duplicate other work?**

Yes  No

**Is it timely, and do we have the resources?**

Yes  No

**If the answer is 'Yes' to all of the above questions, then the Committee may decide to proceed with the review. To decide how best to carry out the review, the Committee will need to agree the following:**

**1) Who and how shall we consult?**

*i.e. who do we need to consult and why? Is there already any feedback from customers and/or other consultation groups that we need to take account of?*

**2) Do we need any experts/specialists? (internal/external)**

*i.e. is the review dependent on specific teams, departments or external bodies? What impact will the review have on the work of any of these?*

**3) What other help do we need? E.g. training/development/resources**

*i.e. does this review relate to any other ongoing projects or depend on them for anything?*

*what information do we need and who will provide it? what do we need to undertake this review e.g. specific resources, events, meetings etc?*

**4) How long should it take?**

*i.e. does the timings of completion of the review need to coincide with any other ongoing or planned work*