

Topic no 142

Scrutiny topic registration form

Fields marked with an asterisk * are required.

* Proposed topic: The sale of the Barbican and subsequent development of swimming facilities in York.

* Councillor registering the topic Watt - Councillor Joe Watt

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.

	Policy Yes? Development & Review	Service Improvement & Delivery	Accountability of Executive Decisions
Public Interest (i.e. in terms of both proposals being in the public interest and resident perceptions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under Performance / Service Dissatisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In keeping with corporate priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

1. Review the performance of the Executive since May 2003 to determine if the sale of the Barbican represented 'Best Value for Money'.
2. Identify why York does not have a competition standard swimming pool.

3. Review current and future swimming pool provision in York to determine if it is sufficient for the City's needs and meets the requirements of the 'Leisure Facilities Strategy'.
4. Examine proposed swimming pool locations to determine if these best meet the needs of York citizens.
5. To consider if the administration was reckless or took too high a risk when, in May 2003, it initiated a consultation process leading to its adopting a community pool option, which promised greater development of the area.

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

1. The administration's decision process since May 2003.
2. Whether best value for money was achieved.
3. The overall provision of swimming facilities in York.
4. The accessibility of swimming facilities in York.
5. The need for a swimming pool in proximity to the City Centre.
6. Whether York will have sufficient 'Competition Standard' swimming facilities - particularly in the run-up to the 2012 Olympics.
7. The degree of risk taken by the incoming administration in May 2003 by changing the previous administration's plans for the barbican sale.
8. Whether the decisions taken by the administration resulted in the loss of revenue and a competition standard pool to the citizens of York.

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

Nil

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

By the Scrutiny Committee: 1. Questioning the key Executives and council officers involved. 2. Examining pertinent reports and meeting minutes.

Estimate the timescale for completion.

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

Support documents or other useful information

Date submitted: Friday, 22nd June, 2007, 9.07 pm

Submitted by: Councillor Joe Watt