



## Scrutiny Topic Registration Form

Fields marked with an asterisk \* are required.

\* Proposed topic: **Review of York's flood defence protocols**

\* Councillor registering the topic **Councillor Richard Moore**

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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 ?**

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

	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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?*

Work was undertaken by the various agencies after the flood of November 2000. This should have ensured the safety of the residents in York. Unfortunately many issues are

now arising which have the potential to seriously affect the quality of the response in a flood situation. Flooding is the major natural threat to the economic welfare of the city, and to the peace of mind of residents living in threatened areas. The scrutiny should be give assurance to those who live in threatened areas that any response is appropriate and expeditious.

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

The scrutiny would focus on the procedures and protocols in place, and the ability of the agencies to respond appropriately. It would seek to ensure that the agencies are aware of developments in the last six years, and have amended their flood plans accordingly. It would also consider the level of resource available, especially if the flooding was as great as in November 2000, when equipment was unavailable due to needs of other areas of the county.

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

All agencies who are resources to "Silver Command" in an event, in particular City of York Council, the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.

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

The Panel could start with the recommendations of the Flood Scrutiny Panel (with update reports) as determine that the recommendations have been actioned. The Panel could consider the improvements made to defences in the last six years and attempt to ascertain whether these are adequate. The Panel could call agencies to give witness to the Panel about the works undertaken, especially in the critical areas (e.g. communication) to improve responses. Most importantly the Panel could ascertain whether the agencies are working to current measures or have factored for increased levels of rain etc., in accordance with the predictions of climate change.

Estimate the timescale for completion.

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

Support documents or other useful information