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Burnley Borough Council

Scrutiny Work Programme Proposal

For completion by Members and Consideration by Scrutiny Committee

Getting the right topics for scrutiny reviews is the first step in making sure scrutiny adds value to the work of the Council and the community it serves.

The proposal form has been designed to assist members in developing their scrutiny review ideas so that the Committee can have an informed discussion on the work that it will carry out over the year.

In order to be effective, each scrutiny review needs to be properly project managed; should have set of objectives and an initial view on the outcomes that the review will seek to achieve. Any review group should be guided by SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound) where possible.

Wen considering whether an item should be included in the work programme the kind of questions the Scrutiny Committee should consider might include:

- Do we understand the benefits scrutiny would bring to this issue?
- How could we best carry out work on this subject?
- What would be the best outcome of this work?
- How would this work engage with the activity of the executive and other decisionmakers, including partners?

The Committee should be able to justify how and why a decision has been taken to include certain issues and not others.

Scrutiny Committees have finite resources and deciding how these are best allocated can be difficult and it should be recognised that there may well be issues that they want to look at but that nonetheless are not selected.

1. Proposed Title for the Scrutiny Review

What will the scrutiny review be about?
Alleygating Policy
Alleygating has been a tool used by the Council to improve residents lives in areas impacted by anti-social behavior, crime and environmental issues.
Proposed by Councillor(s)
Mark Townsend
2. Objectives of the Review
What is the review aiming to do?
The effectiveness of the alleygating prgramme to date. Have the outcomes
matched the level of capital investment made.
Are the alleygates fitted being used to best effect. Are some more effective in
producing positive outcomes than others. Is there a trend or pattern we should
consider?
What is the feedback from residents. Those who have them / those who don't but
would like them.
Have we got the criteria right for allocating alleygates?
Are there alternatives that might achieve the outcomes?

3. Anticipated Outcomes of the Review

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What do you anticipate scrutiny will achieve/recommend as a result of conducting the review?
Hopefully the findings will support the current perception that alleygates do support
the general improvement of an area.
Improve public confidence that there is a robust process for allocating alleygate
investment and measuring effectiveness.
Anything that can be done to support residents in their use of alleygates.
Possibly recommendations to the Executive to change the policy for allocating
alleygates.
Would an increase to the budget be warranted? (or a decrease?)
Recommendations as to what do we do about alleygates not being used properly
and no matter what the Council has tried the situation does not improve.

