

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.

When 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 decision-makers, 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. Finsley Gate - From Bomb Site to Student Hub**

What will the scrutiny review be about?
For over 40 years less than one mile from the Town Hall prime Burnley real estate has been left in rubble. This area needs to be regenerated . There are 5000 students arriving in Burnley - this area should be a student hub with student halls, cafes , bars and art space.

Proposed by Councillor(s) .....Launer.....

## **2. Objectives of the Review**

What is the review aiming to do?
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Regenerate a tired depressed area within walking distance of the town hall.

### 3. Anticipated Outcomes of the Review

What do you anticipate scrutiny will achieve/recommend as a result of conducting the review?

A clear strategy on Finsley Gate - a beginning of the new chapter . It isn't acceptable that there should be an area in this repair in Burnley Town Centre in 2022.

I propose a student hub but equally the town could bid for a new cultural centre piece or museum that would attract visitors. It cannot be left for private developers to sit on this space for more decades. It could be an extension of the heritage zone or an artisan shop quarter .


#### **4. Feedback from Service Unit**

-Economy and Growth Kate Ingram

*How would this work engage with the activity of the executive and other decision-makers, including partners?(please see page 1 of the form)*

The Council has already adopted the Burnley Town Centre and Canalside Masterplan which sets out future proposals for the land along side the canal from Sandygate (canalside West) to Finsley Gate (canalside East).

Canalside West is the focus for the development of the University Campus. We have been working on this since UCLAN took occupation of Victoria Mill in 2017. Since then, we have developed student accommodation on a semi derelict site on Sandygate, UCLAN purchased Sandygate Mill (renovated circa 10 years ago) in October last year to accommodate teaching and library facilities. The Council recently acquired Newtown Mill and plans are in advanced stage for its conversion for the future University expansion with a full funding package in place. The Council also owns circa 1ha of brownfield East of Sandygate which is earmarked for the future expansion of the University and a funding package is in place for remediation and site preparation works. These sites are more than sufficient to accommodate the future growth of UCLAN. The sites are also in close proximity to the Town Centre and Pioneer Place with additional student footfall and spend supporting town centre viability.

Given the advanced state of our plans for the University Campus I am not sure that the scrutiny proposal would have any value. Should scrutiny members wish I'd be more than happy to arrange a site visit to the area for members to see first hand the work carried out to date, the plans for Newtown Mill and the future development site.

The Town Centre and Canalside Masterplan (and the Burnley local Plan) identifies the land around Finsley Gate for housing development. We are in dialogue with the owners and with HE to look at options to bring the sites forward.