



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.

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. Proposed Title for the Scrutiny Review

What will the scrutiny review be about?
Current decline in the Queensgate area, where there were sadly a number of people living in cars or in gardens with cardboard boxes for shelter.

Proposed by Councillor(s) Birtwistle and
Royle.....

2. Objectives of the Review

What is the review aiming to do?
<p>HOUSING. Multi Occupancy, Empty properties, Anti Social behaviour in rented properties, Landlord licensing not working, Letting Agencies letting anyone in to the properties, not taking care of the condition of the properties.</p> <p>RUBBISH . On the streets, back streets, back yards, fly tipping ,local businesses leaving rubbish out.</p> <p>GANGS. There is over twenty in this gang, ages range from 5 to 16yrs old , they go round smashing windows of houses and the hospital, tearing down fences, spraying graffiti on the Church, walking down the centre of the road so the traffic have to stop then being very abusive to the driver's, that's just some of the things this gang gets up to.</p> <p>DRUG DEALING. Street dealing , houses being used for dealing, cars dealing drugs, Briercliffe road shopping centre a huge amount of drug dealing going on there.</p> <p>TRAFFIC. Colne road and streets in Queensgate area are used as race tracks, there has been numerous accidents, some being fatal, residents take their life in their hands trying to cross these roads.</p> <p>PEOPLE. are living in Cars, in backyards with tarpaulins covering them, in outhouses, they are cooking in the back street. These are just some of the problems this area is having.</p>

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3. Anticipated Outcomes of the Review

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4. Feedback from Service Unit/Executive

Cllr Royle spoke to Councillor Anwar about the walk about he did in Queensgate, he was so shocked by what he saw that he is going to take the Chief Executive around Queensgate.

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

Streetscene- Richard Brown (Community Safety)

A number are police led issues, or LCC/Police- at the end it's recognised that these agencies would need to be included as part of a review.

Just for some context am aware of some of the Community Safety issues:

Gangs – I think this relates to issues previously raised by a member of the public of groups of young people that hanging about in the vicinity of St Cutherts Church. There may have been issues on reporting these incidents in a timely manner and I raised this with the local Police Community Beat Manager at the time. Queensgate is a Neighbourhood Police Team and MATAAC priority for the time being and one of the issues raised is around youth ASB nearby. I've requested an update from the CBM but she is currently on leave. The Youth Bus is also currently deployed close by on Thursby Road

Drug Dealing – this is an issue that is led by the Police through both Neighbourhoods and dedicated Organised Crime teams. There have been a couple of articles recently detailing prosecutions connected to the drug trade.

Traffic - Road safety in Lancashire is managed by the police and Lancashire Road Safety Partnership. I have referred Colne Road through to them before on behalf of Cllrs.

Housing and Development Control-Paul Gatrell

SMART objectives would enable the proposed Review due to the range of issues identified.