



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?

Proposed by Councillor(s)

2. Objectives of the Review

What is the review aiming to do?

3. Anticipated Outcomes of the Review

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

