

Scrutiny Review Topic Selection

Set out below is a copy of the online form set up for Councillors to submit a Scrutiny Review Topic Selection for consideration at a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This form must be completed in full with as much detail as possible.

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Proposed Scrutiny Topic:	A progress report on what the Council, including ThamesWey, has been, is doing and plans to do to ensure domestic properties meet modern energy efficiency standards, for the benefit of tenants and the environment. For example, through insulation. The report also to consider the contribution private development makes to the stock of energy efficient homes in the borough. In both respects, to understand any further steps that could be taken (and the associated costs, where these are known).
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Selection criteria	
If your proposed Scrutiny Review Topic falls under any of these rejection criteria, it may not be a suitable topic to progress	
Criteria for Scrutiny Review:	
Scrutiny Review likely to result in improvements for local people.	X
Topic falls within a Community or Corporate priority.	X
Topic represents a key issue for the public.	X
A service is performing poorly.	
High level of dissatisfaction with a service.	
Criteria for rejecting a Scrutiny Review Topic:	
Topic already being addressed.	
Matter is subjudice or prejudicial to the Council's interests.	
Specific case falls within the Council's complaints procedure.	
Topic involves individual disciplinary or grievance matter.	
Proposed topic is unlikely to result in improvements for local people.	

Outcomes of the Review

Why should the Scrutiny Review be undertaken?

The cost of living is increasing faster than wage growth currently. Many Council residents would benefit from well insulated and high energy efficiency performing housing. Understanding how far we've come would be important.

Developers building in Woking should be building to the highest standards possible in the context of current national planning and building requirements. The cost of property in Woking is high and the dwellings should benefit from the latest technologies to lower both the carbon footprint and the bills of residents.

Any further practical opportunities that the report can identify could assist these aims and be considered in more detail by the Greener Woking Working Group and, where appropriate, in conjunction with relevant partner organisations.

What benefits could result from the Scrutiny Review?

Performing this scrutiny would ensure that helping tenants with the challenges of the costs of living and addressing climate change are kept at the highest priority level for the Council.

It will highlight existing good practice and potentially opportunities to consider in the future.

What level of impact will the Scrutiny Review have?

Substantial benefits community wide or for a significant proportion or section of the Community.	X
Moderate benefits for two or more client groups or substantial benefits for only one client group.	
Minor benefits for two or more client groups or substantial benefits for only one client group.	
Minor benefits for only one client groups.	
No benefits likely to result.	

Topic Review Process

Resources to be included in the Scrutiny Review:

WBC Officer Time Committee.	Green Infrastructure, Housing, Planning and Property officers of the Borough Council and officers of ThamesWey.
Report and/or presentation.	Report on what's been achieved so far and what is planned.
Councillor time.	
Portfolio Holder Involvement.	

Expert or External Representatives participation.	Officers to consider how the views of the private sector on this topic can best be sought and reflected in the report, alongside those of the public sector.
Establishment of a Task Group.	Any further practical steps that the report can identify could be considered in more detail by and monitored through the Greener Woking Working Group.
Site visits.	
Research and Evidence.	
Consultation Exercise.	
Other	
Please add explanatory note for any resource selected above.	
<p>Please add any further information that you think would be useful in the consideration of this Scrutiny Review Topic.</p> <p>Consideration of this item is suggested for the November meeting, as this would follow on naturally from the national energy price cap change announcement expected in October 2022.</p>	

Once submitted, if your Scrutiny Review Topic meets the selection criteria and enough information has been provided, it will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their next meeting, where they will decide whether to add the topic to their Work Programme.