

### 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.**

Your name:	Kevin Davis
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Proposed Scrutiny Topic:	Scrutiny of the Brookwood Cemetery HS2 Funds
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<b>Selection criteria</b>	
If your proposed Scrutiny Review Topic falls under any of these rejection criteria, it may not be a suitable topic to progress	
<b>Criteria for Scrutiny Review:</b>	
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.	
<b>Criteria for rejecting a Scrutiny Review Topic:</b>	
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?

As part of the HS2 project to move bodies from London to Brookwood, the fund of £2.6 million was given to Brookwood Cemetery to maintain the HS2 memorial area for 100 years.

This endowment was redirected to Council funds whereas arguably it should have been deposited with the cemetery companies.

What guarantees are there that the money will be spent on the cemetery and continue to do so for the full 100 years and should an alternative strategy be taken to safeguard the funds for cemetery use?

What benefits could result from the Scrutiny Review?

The cemetery is guaranteed the income it should have and the transparency around the initial deposit of the £2.6 million is better understood.

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.	X
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.	Finance team / Asset Manager
Report and/or presentation.	
Councillor time.	
Portfolio Holder Involvement.	No
Expert or External Representatives participation.	Chairman of the Brookwood Cemetery board HS2 representation
Establishment of a Task Group.	No

Site visits.	No
Research and Evidence.	Original decision making information and definition of processes in place to protect the funding.
Consultation Exercise.	No
Other	
<p>Please add explanatory note for any resource selected above.</p> <p>Representatives of HS2 and Brookwood Cemetery should be present to set the scene, outline intentions and to ensure absolute transparency.</p>	
<p>Please add any further information that you think would be useful in the consideration of this Scrutiny Review Topic.</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.