

Suggest a topic for scrutiny

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Your suggested topic(s)	
Your suggested topic for scrutiny:	
Fairer Contributions Policy for Non-Residential Care Services	
Your reasons for requesting that this topic be considered: <i>(Please include your reasons for suggesting the topic and include details of any evidence you may have)</i>	
<p>Concerns have been raised by the Disability External Scrutiny (DES) Board that the operation of the Council's Fairer Contributions Policy for Non-Residential Care, also known as Disability Related Expenditure, may not be operating as it should.</p> <p>It is requested that a scrutiny review be undertaken to understand the intent of the policy and specifically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its scope • The eligibility and qualification criteria • The arrangements for conflict resolution • Its process for review, including consultation <p>There is also an express concern about the policy's clarity.</p>	
Topics suggested for scrutiny need to meet one of the following criteria. Please click the appropriate box(es):	
(1) The issue is an area of key public concern (e.g. as identified through Members surgeries, constituents' concerns, the Annual Satisfaction Survey, raised in the local media, etc).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) There is evidence of poor performance within the activity (i.e. through performance indicator data, experience of Members, internal or external auditor findings, etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) It is a budgetary area in need of examination to ensure value for money is	<input type="checkbox"/>

being obtained.	
(4) There has been a pattern of budgetary overspends within the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) It is a corporate priority for the Council as published within the Council Strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6) It has an external focus (e.g. scrutiny of the Council's partners, government agencies, utility providers, private sector companies, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(7) It is a Central Government priority area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(8) It is an area of new Government legislation that has significant implications for the Council or its partners.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The outcomes you hope scrutiny of this topic will achieve:	
Assurance that the policy is operating fairly and as intended.	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Whilst we cannot guarantee that your suggestion for scrutiny topics will always result in a scrutiny project, every suggestion or comment will be carefully considered.

If you wish to post your form, please send to:

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