

Suggest a topic for scrutiny

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Your suggested topic(s)	
Your suggested topic for scrutiny:	
The governance arrangements in place for Children’s 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>There are currently in place a number of governance bodies that aim to ensure that social care practise for children and young people is safe and effective. Each of these bodies focuses on specific aspects of social care and services for children in need and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Safeguarding Children Board • Corporate Parenting Panel • R:VUE • Children and Young People Partnership • Health and Wellbeing Board • Quality Assurance Board • Munroe/Children’s Improvement Board <p>The aim of this review would be to assess the extent to which these bodies collectively provide a framework that is necessary, comprehensive, efficient and effective.</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 being obtained.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(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 checked="" 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:	
An assurance that the governance framework is fit for purpose or, if not, the identification of measures to make it so.	

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.