

Scrutiny Panels

Purpose and Members' role

Role and Functions

- 'Scrutiny' = a careful and detailed examination of something in order to get information about it.
- To scrutinise: -
 - The activities and performance of the Executive, Executive Members and Officers
 - Focus on Council Corporate Priorities and Improvement Actions
 - Policy development review (considering things at initial policy development stage)
 - Strategic plans and performance of services
 - External organisations (when relevant)

Consider Executive Business

Standard agenda item: “to consider any item of business dealt with by the Executive, since the last meeting of the Panel”

- Provides transparency on Executive Decisions made by:
 - Meeting of Executive
 - Individual Executive Member
 - Officers (under delegated authority)
- Gives Panel Members the opportunity to comment or ask questions for clarification

Call-In

Formal Call-In:

“Each Scrutiny Panel will exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, any decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or by individual Executive Members and any key decisions made but not yet implemented by officers in exercise of their delegated powers”

Managing Scrutiny Panel Priorities

- Different from work programmes
- You decide what goes on the plan
- Cancel a meeting
- Create a new meeting

- The Panel can consider what they want to know about

- Standing agenda item

Topics in the Planning and Development Portfolio

- Planning policy
- Local Plan
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Development design
- Building conservation
- Tree management
- *Welborne delivery*
- Parking strategy
- Transportation liaison
- Sustainability & Climate change
- Biodiversity
- Flooding & Coastal management

Town Centre Regeneration

- Lead responsibility sits within the Policy & Resources Portfolio
- However given the role of the Local Plan in providing a planning framework for town centre regeneration, there are clear links to the Planning & Development Portfolio and therefore this Scrutiny Panel.
- Town Centre Regeneration updates are therefore likely to be addressed through special joint meetings of both panels, arranged as appropriate.

Any questions?

