

Suggestions for topics to be scrutinised – evaluation table

A Member/Officer suggesting a topic for scrutiny must complete this table as fully as possible. Completed tables will be presented to Overview & Scrutiny for consideration.

Proposer: Councillor/Officer Councillor Karen Collett	
<p>Topic recommended for scrutiny:</p> <p><i>Please include as much detail as is available about the specific issues and areas which should be included/excluded from the review. Should the focus be on past performance, future policy or both?</i></p>	<p>West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust - charges for parking at Watford General Hospital</p> <p>To review the present charging policy to establish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basis for the current charges. • The range of parking options and charges for patients, members of patients’ families and visitors,
<p>Why have you recommended this topic for scrutiny?</p>	<p>Cllr Collett feels that Watford residents are penalised for using the hospital’s services.</p>
<p>What are the specific outcomes you wish to see from the review?</p>	<p>To establish how they compare with other Trusts locally and further afield; whether they are "reasonable"; if there are options are they known and understood by visitors?</p> <p>If appropriate, to make such recommendations to improve the Trust’s parking and charging policy</p>

Does the proposed item meet the following criteria?	
It must affect a group or community of people	Patients, their families and their visitors coming to Watford General Hospital.
It must relate to a service, event or issue in which the council has a significant stake	Healthcare and parking in Vicarage Ward
It must not have been a topic of scrutiny within the last 12 months	Conforms.
It must not be an issue, such as planning or licensing, which is dealt with by another council committee	Conforms.
Does the topic meet the council's priorities?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the health of the town and enhance its heritage 2. Enhance the town's 'clean & green' environment 3. Enhance the town's sustainability 4. Enhance the town's economic prosperity and potential 5. Supporting individuals and the community 6. Securing an efficient, effective, value for money council 7. Influence and partnership delivery
Are you aware of any limitations of time or other constraints which need to be taken into account?	No

<i>Factors to consider are forthcoming milestones, demands on the relevant service area and member availability</i>	
Does the topic involve a Council partner or other outside body?	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Please complete the 'sign off' section at the end of this document	

The following section to be completed by Democratic Services	
Consultation with relevant Heads of Service <i>(this section to be completed by Democratic Services)</i>	<i>It is important to ensure that the relevant service can support a review by providing the necessary documents and attending meetings as necessary. The Head of Service's comments should be obtained before the request to hold a review is put to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</i>
Has the relevant Head of Service been consulted?	Yes/no (if no, please give reason) Not applicable
Is this a topic which the service department(s) is able to support.	<i>Include HoS comments here:</i> Not applicable

When was the last time this service was the subject of a scrutiny review?	Never
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Sign off			
Councillor/Officer M A Watkin, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Date 26/7/2011	Head of Service	date