

Part A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 23 July 2019

Report author: Senior Democratic Services Officer

Title: New scrutiny task group - Watford Colosseum

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report provides details of a scrutiny suggestion from the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services.

1.2 The scrutiny committee is asked to consider the scrutiny suggestion. If the suggestion is agreed members will need to agree the membership and chair.

2.0 Risks

2.1

Nature of risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (treat, tolerate, terminate or transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of severity and likelihood)
The scrutiny committee does not agree to the suggestion	Non-executive councillors will not have the ability to influence the future facilities and contract management arrangements for Watford Colosseum	None	Tolerate	2

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 that Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the scrutiny proposal submitted by the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services for a review of the feedback about Watford Colosseum.

3.2 If the scrutiny proposal is agreed, Overview and Scrutiny Committee to agree the task group's membership and chair.

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4.0 Detailed proposal

4.1 The Head of Leisure and Environmental Services contacted the Senior Democratic Services Officer and advised that he was interested in a task group being set up to review the feedback from an open day with experienced theatre operators and a short questionnaire. The results and feedback will help to shape the future plans for Watford Colosseum and the new management contract. The scrutiny proposal form is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

4.2 If agreed, the task group is scheduled to meet on three occasions –

- Wednesday 18 September, 6.30 p.m.
- Monday 14 October, 6.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 18 December, 6.30 p.m.

4.3 Once the task group has completed its work, the final report and recommendations will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 6 February 2019.

4.4 The scrutiny committee is asked to approve the task group's membership and appoint a chair. Members are reminded that a task group should contain between three and five non-executive councillors. At the time of writing this report the following councillors, listed in order of response, have indicated they are interested in taking part in this task group –

- Councillor Keith Crout
- Councillor Rabi Martins
- Councillor Richard Smith

No councillors have indicated they wish to be considered for the role of chair.

5.0 Implications**5.1 Financial**

5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no direct financial implications of this report. Any financial implications arising from the

recommendations of the review would be considered as part of the normal budget process.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

5.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

5.3.1 There are no equalities, human rights or data protection issues as a direct result of this report.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 The task group will be managed by Democratic Services with support from Leisure and Environmental Services.

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 There are no accommodation implications as a result of this report.

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 There are no community safety or crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 There are no sustainability implications as a result of this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – scrutiny proposal form

Background papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

Emails from those councillors interested in taking part in the proposed task group