

Watford Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny proposal form

Scrutiny review title	Watford Borough Council's relationship with the Watford and Three Rivers Trust (W3RT)
Scrutiny proposer	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Details of specific area for review	<p>The council provides funding to W3RT to support the voluntary and community sector, and has worked closely with the trust to respond to COVID 19.</p> <p>Under a service level agreement, the council commissions W3RT to provide infrastructure support to the voluntary and community sector. W3RT has a focus on service delivery to strengthen the voluntary sector in Watford and enable it to thrive, ensuring that it has the best possible opportunity to deliver high quality, effective and value for money services to residents and service users.</p> <p>Scrutiny is asked to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how well the community and voluntary sector were supported during the council's response to COVID 19 and whether there are areas for improvement • the council's relationship with W3RT and the lessons learnt from the COVID 19 response.
Which council priorities it supports	The scrutiny suggestion supports the council's priority to celebrate and support our local communities.
Desired outcomes / indicators of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed overview of W3RT's COVID 19 activities and expenditure in Watford. • Lessons learnt during the community sector response to COVID 19 which can be taken forward in policies and other relevant documentation. • Clear recommendations that contribute to a strengthened service for the community sector in Watford.
Timescale and key dates	<p>23 July: Task Group outline, membership and chair to O&S</p> <p>July-Aug: Preparation with Chair to agree witnesses, draw up and arrange a schedule of meetings and meeting formats</p> <p>Aug-Sept: Meetings with witnesses</p> <p>22 Oct: Final report and recommendations to O&S</p> <p>9 Nov: Final report and recommendations to Cabinet</p>