

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		MALCOLM MEERABUX	
Topic recommended for scrutiny: <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>	The use of Cassiobury Park Review (1) Is the park being increasingly used for big events (2) Has footfall increased with the attendant issues of increased parking pressures.		
Why have you recommended this topic for scrutiny?	Need to review if we need to re-examine how Cassiobury Park can best be used to benefit all groups.		
What are the specific outcomes you wish to see from the review?	<i>Give details</i> (1) A balanced use of the park (2) A monitoring of the e.g. the noise, parking impacts (3) A 'value for money' approach using cost/benefit analysis		

Does the proposed item meet the following criteria?	
It must affect a group or community of people	Residents close to the park <i>Give details</i>
It must relate to a service, event or issue in which the council has a significant stake	Leisure <i>Give details</i>
It must not have been a topic of scrutiny within the last 12 months <i>There will be exceptions to this arising from notified changing circumstances. Scrutiny will also maintain an interest in the progress of recommendations and issues arising from past reports.</i>	<i>Please confirm</i>
It must not be an issue, such as planning or licensing, which is dealt with by another council committee	<i>Please confirm</i>

<p>Does the topic meet the council's priorities?</p>	<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 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please confirm which ones</i></p> <p>Cassiobury Park (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)</p>
<p>Are you aware of any limitations of time or other constraints which need to be taken into account?</p> <p><i>Factors to consider are forthcoming milestones, demands on the relevant service area and member availability</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Include details</i></p> <p>None</p>
<p>Does the topic involve a Council partner or other outside body?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Include details</i></p> <p>None</p>
<p>Please complete the 'sign off' section at the end of this document</p>	

The following section to be completed by Democratic Services

Consultation with relevant Heads of Service
(this section to be completed by Democratic Services)

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.

Has the relevant Head of Service been consulted?

Yes - Lesley Palumbo, Head of Community Services

Is this a topic which the service department(s) is able to support.

This topic is an issue which will form part of a wider proposal in relation to Cassiobury Park. The Parks and Open Spaces Team have currently initiated a proposed Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funded restoration of the park which will involve the appointment of a consultant to look at all aspects of the park, including usage, activity, community development and consultation, audience development and as part of this, it will assess the current situation and where we need to be in relation to developing restoration proposals and a Conservation Management Plan. Community Services would therefore not support a scrutiny analysis at this time on the basis that much of the evidence will not be available to support a scrutiny process until after this work has been undertaken and assessed as part of the wider HLF bid process.

When was the last time this service was the subject of a scrutiny review?

The Call in and Performance Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Green Spaces Strategy action plan at its meeting on the 4th February 2010 which covers the Parks and Open Spaces strategic and operational work area of which Cassiobury Park forms a part.

Sign off		M. A. Meerabux	
Councillor/Officer Malcolm Meerabux	Date 30th May 2011	Head of Service Lesley Palumbo	Date 10th June 2011