

Scrutiny TOPIC form

Good governance and scrutiny helps reduce risk, increases resilience, improves decision making and delivers value for money. The information you give on this form will help shape the scrutiny work programme for the civic year 2020-21.

Please tell us what item you would like considered on the work programme and a brief scope.

YOUR ITEM: A sustainable, inclusive Norwich economy following Covid-19.

BRIEF SCOPE: The pending recession emanating from the consequences of Covid-19 will be felt by all but particularly those with the least resources and already hard hit from 10 years of austerity. As government announces measures to potentially stimulate the economy, reviewing and refining our economic strategy to better meet both challenges and opportunities would be opportune.

Your item will be considered for inclusion on the work programme on the following 5 criteria. Please give any further information for each criteria below:

TIME	<p>is this the right time to review the issue and is there sufficient officer time and resource available?</p> <p>This could be an important opportunity to review the steps we can take to develop a better, sustainable and inclusive economy in the city to meet the challenges of the recession. Opportunities to take advantages of any investment or measures which provide security to residents will be vital.</p>
OPPORTUNITY	<p>what would be the objective of the scrutiny? What difference can scrutiny make?</p> <p>Review the economic strategy set within the new council recovery plan and work of the emerging Good Economy Commission to better understand opportunities to benefit Norwich residents.</p>
PERFORMANCE	<p>can performance in this area be improved by scrutiny input?</p> <p>Economic performance in the city is already closely monitored by the economic development team and input from scrutiny leading to outcomes which could be measurable.</p>
PUBLIC INTEREST	<p>what would be the public interest in placing this topic onto the work programme?</p>

	<p>There is widespread concern over the impact of the recession and likelihood of mass unemployment during the autumn. Public interest in initiatives and measures the city council might take to practically reduce this, but also stimulate a more positive, sustainable and inclusive future local economy should be considered.</p>
CONTRIBUTION	<p>will any scrutiny activity on this matter contribute to the councils activities as agreed in the corporate plan?</p> <p>Economic development and inclusive growth remain a key corporate priority of the council and the work undertaken to promote it will benefit the city strongly.</p>

Please return your form to Emma Webster, scrutiny liaison officer. emmawebster@norwich.gov.uk

Thank you.