

What makes a good scrutiny topic?

- A concern that affects a large percentage of the Districts residents
- An issue Scrutiny can influence and add value to
- A persistent problem that is not being resolved
- An underperforming service or overspending one etc.
- A topic that Cabinet has asked Scrutiny to investigate (prior to a report for decision going to Cabinet)
- Timely – an in depth review can take several months. Report could not be completed in time as issue moves on. More suitable to do a spotlight review or a special meeting look.

Not a good topic

- Duplication of work -Something being reviewed elsewhere, such as by Audit or service review for improvement, and where there are current recommendations not yet implemented (however, can sometimes be useful to feed in if review live and adds value)
- An issue that affects a small number of people and can be resolved in another way
- A topic which is the subject of an Ombudsman Inquiry or internal investigation
- A topic that is too complex, too long, requires too many resources to complete