

## Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by sponsoring Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

**Note:** The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. Overview and Scrutiny reserve the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the Council's remit.

Proposer's name and designation	Nadine Trout, Commissioning Manager	Date of referral	08.06.17
Proposed topic title	SH Task & Finish Group – Discretionary Grant Funding Review		
What needs to be scrutinised and why?	Discretionary grant funding has been in place for many years and has not been subject to comprehensive review. Current spend equates to a sizeable budget.		
Link to national, regional and local priorities and targets	To ensure council tax money is best spent and aligned to corporate priorities.		
Key Objectives Please keep to SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely)	Review existing discretionary grant funding. Consider value for money, alignment to priorities and whether want to continue or scale back funding.		
How long do you think is needed to complete this exercise? (Where possible please estimate the number of weeks, months and meetings required)	1-2 T&F meetings each lasting up to 1.5 hours supported by Nadine Trout, Commission Manager.  Ideally meetings would take place as soon as possible and before budget setting in the Autumn.		

<p>Is the matter one of concern to residents/local businesses?</p>	<p><b>YES / NO</b></p>
<p>Can Scrutiny influence and change things? (If yes, please state how you think Scrutiny can influence or change things).</p>	<p><b>YES / NO</b> <b>By agreeing to the formation of a T&amp;F group; nominating members to sit on it and tasking said members to form a set of recommendations on future partnerships to forward to Exec.</b></p>
<p>Does the matter relate to an underperforming service or area?</p>	<p><b>YES / NO</b> <b>Discretionary grant funding arrangements do not appear to be as tightly managed as they could be. Internal audit has highlighted a need to review and welcome member involvement.</b></p>
<p>Does the matter affect a large number of residents or a large geographical area of the County (If yes, please give an indication of the size of the affected group or area).</p>	<p><b>YES / NO</b> <b>All residents as it relates to Council spend ultimately derived from their council tax.</b></p>
<p>To your knowledge, is anyone else looking at this matter? (If yes, please say who is looking at it).</p>	<p><b>No.</b></p>
<p>Where can relevant evidence and/or data be found?</p>	<p>Only significant partnerships were looked at by a joint Member Review Panel as a result of an SH O&amp;S recommendation made on 17.09.15. The Community Safety Partnership, CVS and CAB were deemed as significant partnerships at that time. Furthermore only recommendations were made with regards to funding up until 17/18 and not beyond. The panel did not look at all discretionary grant funding arrangements as it was considered too onerous at the time.</p>

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