

Scoping document - Update Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Title of proposal	Description of Problem/issue	Evidence for Problem	Approach	Timing	Partner organisations	Update
Hertford Town Centre /Bircherley Green	Economic Stability	<p>Raised by Cllr Stevenson</p> <p>Further evidence?</p> <p>Two independent reports on the area showed that HTC was economically stable / no empty shops and general praise for the area. There were concerns about Bircherley Green and its lack of redevelopment and the public negative perception of the area.</p>	Head of Service	Originally 10 Dec (Mtg)	<p>Hertford Town Council</p> <p>Local Businesses</p> <p>Police</p>	<p>Following a review of the two independent reports it was established that Bircherley Green appeared to be the crux of the problem. The site had been bought and would be developed by the new owners (Chase Homes) and that a Planning Application would be submitted in Jan/Feb 2020.</p> <p>Chase Homes held an exhibition / public engagement exercise on 27 November 2019. The event was well attended. Chase provided detailed illustrations and designs of their anticipated development proposals. A planning application was submitted pre-Christmas 2019.</p> <p>Chairman and VC felt that owners should be given time to move this along.</p>

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Progress Update on Implementation of Climate Change recommendations	Update	Raised as a Member’s Question at Council in July 2019	Head of Housing and Health. David Thorogood	Originally 10 Dec (Mtg)		<p>David Thorogood advised that following Council in July 2019 an Environment Sustainability Forum and that there was the possibility of a duplication of effort. A Meeting was arranged for early Dec 2019 but then cancelled because of Purdah. The Forum was due to meet on 15 Feb 2020 .</p> <p>In consultation with the Chairman and VC they agreed that there was little value in moving this forward as a T&FG if there was the possibility of the work being duplicate. Results from ESF will be fed back to OS Committee as an update and then OS can decide its next approach.</p>
Cycle Storage provision for T&FGs (ToR)	Lack of Storage facilities at BS Rail Station	Raised by Cllr Ward-Booth	HoS	10 Dec	Bishop’s Stortford Town Council, Greater Anglia, Principal Rail Liaison Officer (HCC)	Scrutiny Officer invited to a meeting with BSTC (12 Dec); officers identified a range of approaches being led by the Town Council and a strategic document by HCC in relation to what cycleway provision and storage provision within the town itself and those planned for areas outside of the Town.

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						<p>Additionally the Network Liaison Officer explained that there had been a soft ware /fob problem first of all at the station but that this had been resolved. There were approximately 220 storage spaces at the station.</p> <p>Chairman and VC agreed that a T&FG was not felt to be appropriate given the approaches led by the Town Council, HCC and the considerable information already available and that the Member be informed accordingly.</p>
<p>Report and recommendations of T&FG (Parking)</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny (11 June 2019) Committee elected to examine elements of East Herts Council's current parking policies as part of its work programme for the 2019/20 civic year</p>		<p>Ben Wood Andrew Pulham</p>	<p>OS – 10 Dec 2019 Executive – Feb 2020 Council – March 2020</p>		<p>Recommendations submitted to OS Committee and approved December 2019. Recommendations will be submitted to Executive (Feb 2020) and then to Council (March 2020)</p>

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Social Housing Event	To explore relationship of Council with Registered Providers	To be determined?	Task and Finish Group established and held on 19 December (Wyllie, Goldspink, Brady and Symonds). Agreed that there should be a meeting with tenants (3) from RPs the results of which will feed into a “higher” level meeting of Senior Officers from the three registered providers	OS 4 February 2020	Senior Officers from key providers (Clarion, and Network Homes) will be asked a number of prepared questions and will be invited to OS February 2020	<p>Notes circulated to Members of the Task and Finish group and the approach agreed.</p> <p>Questions agreed to be posed to Key officers from Housing providers. These questions will be posed via a telephone conferencing arrangement.</p> <p>Questions agreed to be posed to tenants’ representatives at a planned meeting with tenants.</p> <p>Information awaited from the housing associations.</p>

Criteria

Weak Scrutiny

Strong scrutiny

			Letter to local newspapers News
Resident Radar			
Evidence for Problem/Issue:	Circumstantial/anecdotal	data for parts of district	year on year data/several relevant indicators/benchmarking
Ambition for Outcome of scrutiny – impact on residents	Indirect/HARD TO LINK benefits to some residents	Measurable direct benefits to some, indirect benefits to more	Direct measurable benefits for all residents/resolving inequalities in delivery
Member/officer/resources?	Raw quantitative Data collection necessary	Qualitative data required/focus groups etc	Data readily available in required locus and demographic
Partner organisations	Solely within the gift of organisations other than East Herts DC	EHDC has a role in coordination with other partners	EHDC is sole service provider

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Typically the criteria for what constitutes a scrutiny topic are:

- i. The degree to which the topic resonates with residents concerns: *This can be determined from residents' surveys, complaints, members own door to door intelligence, letters to local newspapers*
- ii. Whether a member/s of the public has proposed the scrutiny topic (Note C);
- iii. The scale and breadth of the problem geographically and demographically in the district;
- iv. The performance of the service/s that impact upon the topic in question;
- v. The availability of evidence;
- vi. The potential opportunity for improvements that residents would recognise; and
- vii. The degree to which the council (members, the executive, LT and officers) can influence the implementation of recommendations made.

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