

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Why has the report come to the Committee

- 1.1 To consider a request from Councillor Peter Wood to include an item on a future Committee agenda.

2. Background

- 2.1 Councillor Wood has requested an item be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 Councillor Wood requests that “During a discussion about the Sunnyside Conservation area at the last meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee concern was expressed by two members about the somewhat run down and dilapidated state of Fawcett Street’s buildings. On other occasions members (and members of the public) have expressed concern about traffic congestion in Fawcett Street itself, especially between Athenaeum Street and the Borough Road/Holmeside junction.

Would it be possible for the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee to consider these concerns – perhaps receiving a report from the appropriate Council officers addressing these concerns?”

3. Current Position

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council’s Constitution and approved scrutiny protocol for placing items on the agenda, the Committee may choose to respond in one of the following ways:
1. The Scrutiny Committee may determine that the item is not relevant to the functions of that particular Committee. In these circumstances the Committee can resolve to take no action or may refer the item to another Review Committee, or to the Management Scrutiny Committee to determine responsibility
 2. If the issue is linked to an existing work programme item (within the next two cycles) then it should be discussed as part of that item and included in any officer report

3. If the issue is a new item of business within the remit of the Committee, the Scrutiny Committee may:
 - a. Request a response in writing (with copies to all Members of the Scrutiny Committee), or
 - b. Request a presentation to a future Scrutiny Committee meeting, or
 - c. Request a report to a future meeting, or
 - d. Decide that the issue raised does not merit any response beyond noting the matter, or
 - e. Decide to express a view or make a recommendation, by resolving accordingly, if the Committee considers it has sufficient information to make a fully informed decision

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the request from Councillor Peter Wood.

Background Papers

Council's Constitution
Overview & Scrutiny Handbook

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