



Suggestion for Scrutiny Work Programme Form

(To be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Suggestion from:
Councillor Simon Cole
What would you like to suggest for investigation / review?
<p>To carry out a routine post implementation scrutiny review of the Council's involvement in the Home of Horseracing Project, a year after its official opening.</p> <p>To review the museum's future plans and how the Council can assist in its delivery as a partner.</p>
What are the main issues / concerns to be considered?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the Council's involvement in the project resulted in the desired objectives? - What role can the Council have in supporting the museum's future plans for growing visitor numbers, in the context of the wider Newmarket Vision? - What learning can be applied to future council projects?
Would this review benefit from a "West Suffolk" approach (i.e. joint scrutiny by both Councils), or is it relevant only to your council?
<p>Forest Heath District Council is the relevant authority to carry out the post implementation review of the Project.</p>
Who is responsible for providing this service, or tackling the issue in question?
<p>The new museum is operated by the National Horseracing Museum.</p> <p>The project to deliver the museum was a multi-agency partnership co-ordinated by the Home of Horseracing Trust, of which Forest Heath District Council is a key member.</p> <p>Forest Heath District Council managed the main contracts for the delivery of the capital project, on behalf of the Trust.</p>

Have you spoken to them, and if so, what was the response?	
The project partners are happy to participate in the review and to discuss future collaboration.	
What is the Portfolio Holder's view on this issue?	
The Portfolio Holder agrees that carrying out a review of the Council's involvement, given the scale of the project, will be helpful, provided that the review takes place after the capital project has been officially closed under the Council's project management system.	
What would be the likely benefits and outcomes of carrying out this investigation / review?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning for other future capital projects - Identify ways in which the Council can work with the museum to deliver the shared future objectives for the project. 	
Estimated Committee and officer resource implications (eg research group, one-off report, dedicated meeting etc)	
A one-off meeting and report, with the suggestion of holding the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in Newmarket, at the National Horseracing Museum in early 2018.	
Suggested witnesses, documentation and consultation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives from the National Horseracing Museum, and/or the Home of Horseracing Trust - Forest Heath District Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture - Director (Project Sponsor for Forest Heath District Council) - Representative(s) of Newmarket Vision e.g. Chairman, council officer. 	
Will this investigation / review contribute to one or more of the Council's Strategic Priorities? If so, which (please tick)	
Increased opportunities for economic growth	X
Resilient families and communities that are healthy and active	
Homes for our communities	

Will this investigation / review contribute to the achievement of one or more of the commitments within the Council's Strategic Plan 2014-2016? If so, which (please tick)	
Increased opportunities for economic growth:	
1. Benefit growth that enhances prosperity and quality of life.	X
2. Existing businesses that are thriving and new businesses brought to the area.	X
3. People with the educational attainment and skills needed in our local economy.	X
4. Vibrant, attractive and clean high streets, village centres and markets.	X
Resilient families and communities that are healthy and active:	
1. A thriving voluntary sector and active communities who take the initiative to help the most vulnerable.	
2. People playing a greater role in determining the future of their communities.	
3. Improved wellbeing, physical and mental health.	
4. Accessible countryside and green spaces.	
Homes for our communities:	
1. Sufficient housing for current and future generations, including more affordable homes; improvements to existing housing.	
2. New developments that are fit for the future, properly supported by infrastructure, and that build communities, not just housing.	
3. Homes that are flexible for people's changing needs.	

Will this investigation hit one of the essential elements of a scrutiny review when analysing potential scrutiny reviews? If so, which (please tick)	
Public Interest: The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen by overview and scrutiny.	X
Impact (Value): Priority should be given to issues that make the biggest difference to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area, and which have the potential to make recommendations which could lead to real improvements. The outcome must also be proportionate to the cost of carrying out the review in terms of staff and councillor time.	
Relevance: Overview and scrutiny must be satisfied that an issue identified for review is relevant and does not duplicate existing work being undertaken elsewhere by various Working Groups, Cabinet, partners etc.	X
Partnership working or external scrutiny: The focus of scrutiny is moving towards joint action and community leadership, so anything which offers this opportunity should be given serious consideration.	X

Would you like to be involved in the investigation / review?	
Yes	
Date of request: 25 September 2017	Signed Councillor Simon Cole

Please return this form to the:

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