

Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution
<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

1. Issue requested for scrutiny

A clear strategy on providing adequate systemic and updated training on climate science, risks and mitigation for officers and councillors. So far there has been no systemic regular training for all staff and councillors since the declaration of a climate and ecological emergency 4 years ago.

2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.

A clear understanding of the severity of climate change and its full expected implications for our area, our residents and the implications on the services that we provide as a council.

3. Background to the issue

Please refer to the Councillors handbook on Climate change document.

4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)

A spotlight review, or a working group investigation

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

6. Notes/ additional guidance

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