

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

The committee would like to give more time, appreciation and scrutiny to the development and roll out of the Family Hubs across BCP.

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

We are aware of what a huge piece of work this has been and will continue to be going forward and would like to gain a deeper understanding of how it is working, meeting targets and deadlines and the impact it is having on families.

3. Background to the issue

The government have helped to fund Family Hubs across LAs in the UK, BCP has been a part of this initiative and are part way through the journey. The work they have done so far has been brought to committee however due to the size, ongoing nature, and scope of this project the committee would like to work with the team further to understand how it is progressing.

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

Working Group Investigation or Sub Committee

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

We are happy to be led by the way the project is running and the milestones it is expecting to reach. Suggesting 3/4 meetings over the next year and reporting back to committee in Spring 2025. We would initially like to arrange a visit to a Family Hub to see what it is like, explore services and partnership working and how the services are working to understand and meet local needs.

6. Notes/ additional guidance

Happy to be advised of a more appropriate method of scrutiny or less meetings as I understand this has cost implications etc. The service would propose the following;

Meeting 1. Visits/Tour to 2 Family Hubs

Meeting 2. Meeting with Managers and Staff to outline Family Hub service development, parental engagement and impact monitoring.

Meeting 3. Meeting with partners to explore partnership working and the range of services they provide.

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