



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

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Title of Proposed Topic:	Planning Visits
Specific subject areas to be investigated:	The need for Planning visits and what does it accomplish
Reasons why this subject should be considered:	Equitable, financial, lobbying
Evidence to support the need for this particular investigation:	Lack of clear policy, monitoring its outcomes, special pleading.
Council priorities it links to:	Financial, equality and wellbeing
Possible key outcomes: (i.e. what do you anticipate could be achieved?)	All applications are treated in the same way. Whether there is confidence in officers' recommendations and a real need for site visits.

Please indicate if any of the following apply to the proposed subject area:

CRITERIA	NO	YES	Why?
Is it a priority issue for the Council or the Local Strategic Partnership?			
Is it an important issue for local residents?		*	Ensure site visits to not have an advantage over other similar applications
Is it a topic where Overview and Scrutiny could feasibly and constructively make recommendations?		*	
Is it a topic where external review would be helpful?			Not sure
Is it a topic where a review could be made in time to make recommendations for the executive decision making process?		*	
Is it a poorly performing service?			Maybe part of the outcomes
Is it a review that could render significant savings or value for money?		*	Site visits have a cost
Is the topic strategic in scope?		*	Maybe

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