



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

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Title of Proposed Topic:	Review of Recreation Rd parking operations
Specific subject areas to be investigated:	1 Entry/exit system for taxi/private hire operators. 2 Flooding/drainage issues Market St side of car park.
Reasons why this subject should be considered:	Both problems long standing and unresolved, generating complaints from car park users, pedestrians, town centre visitors and taxi & private hire operators.
Evidence to support the need for this particular investigation:	Verbal from Taxi operators and Taxi Operators Association. Photographs. Correspondence between S.Martin & S.Shannon
Council priorities it links to:	Promote town centre as nice place to visit and good place to do business.
Possible key outcomes: (i.e. what do you anticipate could be achieved?)	Introduce change to Taxi /P.H. access arrangements. Installation of drainage system to Market St side of car park to halt illegal discharge of surface water on to Market St pavements.

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?		y	<i>Inaction over both issues has generated complaints and adverse comments from taxi trade and town centre visitors</i>
Is it an important issue for local residents?		y	Affects taxi users and town centre visitors in wet weather.
Is it a topic where Overview and Scrutiny could feasibly and constructively make recommendations?		y	Surely this is main function of the Board
Is it a topic where external review would be helpful?		y	Broader input of opinion would be beneficial.

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Is it a topic where a review could be made in time to make recommendations for the executive decision making process?		y	Would assume this is possible.
Is it a poorly performing service?	*	*	This car park produces large cash income for the Council but also generates large number of complaints.
Is it a review that could render significant savings or value for money?		n	Value could be gained from reduction of conflict situation. Shoppers who have had their taxi journeys disrupted or visitors to town centre who have been “soaked to the skin” while waiting to use Market St pedestrian crossing might return to Bromsgrove.
Is the topic strategic in scope?		n	Both issues could be more accurately described as “retrospective correction” than strategic.

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