



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

This form can be used for either a Task Group or a Short Sharp Review topic proposal.

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Title of Proposed Topic (including specific subject areas to be investigate)	Review of Evening Car Parking
Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)	<p>A report was presented to Cabinet on 7th January 2015 which covered a twelve month trial of Pay and Display Car Parks within Bromsgrove being offered free parking from 7 pm each evening. The trial was put in place from February 2015 to February 2016.</p> <p>The Overview & Scrutiny Board have done a number of investigations over the years in respect of various aspects of car parking in the district and has a wealth of knowledge on the subject.</p> <p>The investigation would assist officers in evaluating the success of the trial together with any possible recommendations for future car parking arrangements.</p>
Links to national, regional and local priorities (including the Council's strategic purposes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide good things for me to see, do and visit. • Help me run a successful business
Possible Key Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has free parking during the evening made a

(these should be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)	<p>difference to the night time economy? If so, to what extent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the free parking offer value for money to the public? • What alternative options are available and how do these compare to free evening parking for both the customer and the traders in Bromsgrove. 			
Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.	4 – 6 months with the final report being presented to Cabinet in February 2016.			
Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)	Task Group	Yes	Short Sharp Inquiry	

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Evidence	
Key documents, data, reports	
Possible Site Visits	
Is a general press release required asking for general comments/suggestions from the public?	
Is a period of public consultation required?	
Witnesses	
Officers	
Councillors (including Portfolio Holder)	
Any External Witnesses	