



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 services to prevent flooding
Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)	Many areas across Bromsgrove experienced severe flooding during Autumn 2019. Anecdotally there is evidence to suggest the problems were exacerbated by a lack of prevention work such as keeping brooks, drains and culverts clear. Furthermore, as flood prevention transcends the remit of a number of authorities it can be difficult to establish which agency is responsible for remedying problems.
Links to national, regional and local priorities (including the Council's strategic purposes)	Bromsgrove District Council Plan strategic purpose: 'Communities which are safe, well-maintained and green'
Possible Key Objectives (these should be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review key incidents of flooding in the district, their causes and the effectiveness of responses- Assess whether sufficient work is being undertaken to prevent flooding- Assess whether sufficient resources are made available for this work- Assess whether there is sufficient transparency over responsibilities for managing and preventing flooding

Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.	One year			
Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)	Task Group	Possibly	Short Sharp Inquiry	No

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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	