SCRUTINY SELECTION CHECKLIST

Title of proposed Scrutiny: Council Use of Non-Recyclables

The list is intended to assist the relevant scrutiny committee in deciding whether or not to approve a topic that has been suggested for scrutiny.

Whilst no minimum or maximum number of 'yes' answers are formally required, the relevant scrutiny committee is recommended to place higher priority on topics related to the performance and priorities of the Council.

Yes/No

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The review will add value to the Council and/or its partners overall performance:	Yes
The review will ensure that the Council is utilising the most cost effective, environmentally friendly products.	
The review is in relation to one or more of the Council's priorities:	No
The Council or its partners are not performing well in this area:	Yes
An example is the use of non-recyclable, one use plastic cups in Committee rooms.	
It is an area where a number of complaints (or bad press) have been received:	No
There is however, a large amount of negative press regarding use of plastic.	
The issue is strategic and significant:	Yes
Use of plastic is a significant issue. The review could introduce a new policy for use of non-recyclable produces by the Council.	
There is evidence of public interest in the topic:	Yes
Large amount of press and public interest currently.	
The issue has potential impact for one or more sections of the community:	No
Service or policy changes are planned and scrutiny could have a positive input:	Yes
It is believed the Council is due to start looking at this issue.	
Adequate resources (both members and officers) are available to carry out the scrutiny:	Yes

Please give any further details on the proposed review:

The Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee agreed to forward this request for a scrutiny review to the Tourism, Economy Resources Scrutiny Committee. Use of non-recyclable products, in particular plastics is a very current and prominent issue and the Committee believes the Council should be leading the way in ensuring the use of these products is kept to a minimum. The review will help highlight instances where these products are used and identify, environmentally friendly and cost effective alternatives.

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