

Scrutiny Topic Registration

Name of person proposing topic: John Webster	Date: 26 th December 2006
Contact: John Webster	
Suggested title of topic:	
The Single Advice Agency	
What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?	
The justification for the creation of a single advice agency – and if it is justified, the best way it can be achieved.	
What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of the facts relating to such a concept. • Suggestions to the Cabinet on what should be done 	

Priority and urgency

Is the topic urgent?	Yes
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If so, please consider which of the following might apply:

Is there a strict time constraint?	Yes
Is there currently high media coverage?	Yes
Is there high public pressure to respond?	Yes
Does it involve a high risk to the council?	Yes
Any other reasons:	
Some of the information that the decision has been based on is disputed	

Issues

Please consider whether the following might apply:

Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Yes
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	No
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	Yes
Is it directly related to an item on the council workplan?	Yes
Has there been media interest in the topic?	Yes
Can scrutiny help in the development of council policy?	Yes
Any other issues or details:	
<p><i>There is controversy around this issue. The division of the author of the Cabinet report would normally support this revue, but given circumstances this would not be appropriate. There needs to be a fresh officer eye focussed on this.</i></p>	

Officer Implications (for office use)

Please give your comments on this proposed topic, for example is there any other similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resource constraints etc

To be discussed at the Committee meeting.

Links to Business Plan and Corporate Objectives or Risk Register	
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