



CHEL TENHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of a meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Monday, 11 February 2019
6.00 pm
Pittville Room - Municipal Offices**

Membership	
Councillors:	Chris Mason (Chair), Klara Sudbury (Vice-Chair), Sandra Holliday, John Payne, Paul Baker, Max Wilkinson, Dilys Barrell, Iain Dobie, Jo Stafford and Dennis Parsons

The Council has a substitution process and any substitutions will be announced at the meeting

Agenda

9.	REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORKPLAN Review of latest workplan and prioritisation of any new items	(Pages 3 - 4)

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SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION

Date:	4 th February 2019
Name of person proposing topic:	Cllr Victoria Atherstone
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Suggested title of topic:	Resilience of water supply and system maintenance
What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?	
<p>Recently the cold weather has resulted in failures of critical water infrastructure, including a burst water pipe in St Peters on the Lower Higher Street. I am aware that similar issues occurred last winter, suggesting this is a recurring issue.</p> <p>This has annoyingly left residents and businesses without water, resulting in panic buying and traffic chaos. Since Severn Trent Water is a privatised utility provider, the council should question whether enough investment is being made into the resilience of the water infrastructure, and whether the current contingency planning is adequate?</p>	
What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review (outcomes)	
<p>Inviting Severn Trent Water will allow members to question whether enough has been done to prevent the recent failures of water mains, which left parts of the town without water, and caused panic buying of water and traffic problems around supermarkets in the affected area.</p> <p>Members may wish to ensure that director bonuses and shareholder dividend payments are not being prioritised ahead of investment in infrastructure and preventative maintenance.</p> <p>Other issues for Seven Trent Water in St Peters would include smaller leaks that can result in sink-holes in the roads, with the associated disruption that causes and the general management of the Combined Sewer Overflow that on occasion discharges raw untreated sewage into the River Chelt located next to walkway connecting The Moors and the Saxon Quarter.</p>	
If there a strict time constraint?	No
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?	Yes
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	It relates to civil contingencies
Any other comments:	

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