



(DRAFT) SCRUTINY REVIEW – ONE PAGE STRATEGY

FOR COMPLETION BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
Broad topic area	Urban Gulls
Specific topic area	Cheltenham Borough Council's approach to reducing the urban gull population.
Terms of Reference for the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the availability of food sources – for example through public engagement and education Fully understand the barriers/challenges in treating gull nests and consider options that would overcome those barriers/challenges. Making properties less attractive as nesting sites; and The availability of funding sources/incentives to assist with gull-proofing measures.
Outcomes	<p>A comprehensive report on the issue, reported to O&S and to Cabinet, to help councillors as well as members of the public understand more about gulls and what the council can reasonably do to control and reduce the gull population.</p> <p>Deliver an evidence-based set of findings and recommendations, to enable the more effective control of the numbers of problem urban gulls in residential areas.</p>
How long should the review take?	The report of the working group should conclude in time to allow recommendations to feed into the Borough Council's budget process for 2019-20.
Recommendations to reported to:	CBC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet to inform any funding request through the budget setting process for 2019-20.
Membership:	Cllrs Diggory Seacome, Klara Sudbury, Dilys Barrell, Tim Harman (?)
FOR COMPLETION BY OFFICERS	
Officers experts and witnesses	Mark Nelson – Enforcement manager Duncan Turner – Pest control officer
Sponsoring officer	Mike Redman – Director of Environment
Facilitator	Sophie McGough – Democratic Services
FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY TASK GROUP	
Are there any current issues with performance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current arrangements whereby council resource is invested mainly in business areas such as Kingsditch and the town centre are effective in reducing the overall gull population in the town, but are considered ineffective in dealing with problems in often densely populated, residential areas. The high level of dissatisfaction of many local residents has been expressed by emails to councillors and council officers in recent months, as well as feedback received about the council's response to the problem at meetings of the Urban Gulls Forum.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been barriers to getting properties bird-proofed, particularly in residential areas. • It is difficult and costly to identify nesting sites in residential areas. • The management of the operation of the civic amenity site at Swindon Road has been identified as an issue, providing a food source for the gull population • Bins provided around the town are generally not of a design which is gull-proof • Discarded takeaway food can be an issue in and around the town.
Other experts and witnesses	To be agreed
Other consultees	Members of the Urban Gull Forum Cheltenham BID Trader organisations
Background information	Circulated
Suggested method of approach	To be agreed
How will we involve the public/media? Or at what stages	Various methods including through social media, drop in meeting etc.
Preferred timing for meetings	Fortnightly. Initial meeting proposed on 15 th August and 29 th August at 3 pm in the Montpellier room.