

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
SUMMARY OF OUTCOME – TOPIC SCORING EXERCISE**

**Reject Topics - Score 1 - 4**

Ref.	Source	Topic	Outcome
(a)	Councillor Mrs Baybutt	'Approach to the eradication of non native species of weeds in our hedgerows and riverbanks'	<p><b>Reject</b> - It was understood that most hedgerows and river banks are in private ownership and therefore outside the Council's control and a review would not affect a great deal of value to the Council or the public as a whole. However, it was felt that a presentation on the subject to give a clearer understanding of current thinking and responsibilities could be beneficial and assist Members with queries from residents.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the Assistant Director Planning be asked to recommend someone to come along to a future meeting to speak to Members on this subject.</p>
(b)	Councillor Ms Melling	'Dog Fouling in the Borough'	<p><b>Reject</b> – It was understood that this was already being addressed through Council processes and therefore no potential benefits are likely to result from an in-depth review. However, Members could benefit from up-to-date information.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> - That the Assistant Director Community Services be asked to produce an Article for inclusion in the Members Update.</p>

Ref No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
(c)	Councillor Mrs Hopley	'Student Accommodation/HMOs in Ormskirk'	<p><b>Reject</b> – Although there may be some evidence that linked the topic to the Council's key aims and priorities, these were only indirectly. Therefore it was felt that an in-depth review may not affect a great deal at this time.</p> <p>(Note: The joint Forum 'Edge Hill University /West Borough Council Forum' also provides an opportunity to raise issues on the impact of the University on the town (Ormskirk) and surrounds and other mutual interests through the Council's representatives on that body.)</p>
(d)	<i>(A member of the public)</i>	'Establishment of a Disabled Residents' Services Commission'	<p><b>Reject</b> - It was noted that the interests of special groups are already addressed through existing mechanisms including a consultation protocol that includes a number of interested groups and that disabled residents will potentially be in receipt of a number of services which are not necessarily addressed by the Borough Council but managed at County Council level. Additionally, it was understood that a review in respect of Equalities and the Equality Health Check generally is currently taking place across the Council and a report will come back on its findings.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That, with the permission of the resident who had put forward the request, that the details he provided be passed to the County Council's Equality and Cohesions Team where it may be of more value, as this may be something that could be taken forward at a County-wide level or addressed through Pan Lancashire arrangements.</p>

Ref No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
(e)	Councillor Dereli	'Council Staff Structure'	<p><b>Reject.</b> It was considered that through Organisational Re-engineering and other systems, including scrutiny of performance indicators, there were already systems in place and, at this time, an in-depth review would not affect a great deal.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Continue the use of existing mechanisms including scrutiny of PIs and the Members Items procedure, to raise issues.</p>

#### Possible Topics – 5 – 6

Ref No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
(f)	Councillor Bailey	'The Night-Time Economy'	<p><b>Score – Possible Topic.</b> Although there was good evidence to link the topic to the Council's key aims and priorities it was difficult to determine whether a longer in-depth review would achieve benefits for the people of West Lancashire and the lines of the enquiry would need to be clearly identified. Rather than undertake a longer in-depth study it was felt that a by conducting a one meeting study through contributions from internal/external representatives Members could gain a clearer understanding of their roles and the part they play in and affecting the Night-Time Economy.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the Assistant Director Community Services provide assistance in relation to attendance by representatives who are involved with this activity to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>

Ref No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
(g)	Councillor Ashcroft	'Health Provision Changes – Local Role & Responsibilities'	<p><b>Score – Possible Topic.</b> Although there was good evidence linking the topic to the Council's key aims and priorities it was felt that it was a bit premature to conduct an in-depth scrutiny review on the new Health Provision Changes until they had embedded in. However, it was acknowledged that, although presentations on aspects of the changes to CCGs, scrutiny etc. had already taken place across the County, it would be beneficial to hear and speak to health professionals to gain a clearer understanding of how the changes may impact locally. This could be undertaken as a one-off item.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> That the Assistant Director Community Services provide assistance in arranging for appropriate experts to come along to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>

**Priority Topics 7- 8**

No priority topics for in-depth study were identified.