

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF OUTCOME – TOPIC SCORING EXERCISE
25 JUNE 2014**

Priority Topics 7- 8

Topic No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
1	Community Services	A Market Strategy for Ormskirk Town Centre	<p>Priority topic for scrutiny. Improvements for local people likely. There was good evidence linking the topic to the Council’s key aims and priorities. In relation to impact, the score indicated substantial potential benefits community wide or for a significant proportion or section of the community. .</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic selected for in-depth review in the 2014/15 Work Programme of the Committee be ‘A Market Strategy for Ormskirk Town Centre’ and that arrangements be put in place for a presentation to the Committee.</p>

Possible Topics – 5 – 6

Topic No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
5	A Member of the Public	Current and potential investment in renewables by the Council	<p>Possible topic for scrutiny. There was good evidence linking the topic to the Council’s key aims but not the Council’s current priorities. In relation to impact, the score indicated moderate potential benefits affecting more than one ward/customer/client group. It was proposed that this be treated as a “one-off” item by way of a single presentation to Members, on the Council’s investment in renewable energy.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration be requested to provide a presentation on the investment in renewable energy by the Council, to a future meeting.</p>

Reject Topics - Score 1 – 4

Topic No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
7	A Member of the Public	Disabled Residents in the Borough	<p>Reject: There was some evidence that linked the topic to the Council’s key aims and priorities but only indirectly. In relation to impact, the score indicated minor potential benefits or benefits affecting only one client group. It was noted that social care is a County matter with no statutory responsibility at Borough level. The Council has undertaken a thorough review of its equalities compliance resulting in an action plan that is currently being implemented.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.</p>
12	Councillor Furey	The impact of the ‘Buy to Let’ Property Market in the Borough	<p>Reject: There was good evidence linking the topic to Council’s key aims and priorities but no potential benefits likely to result. It was noted that to extract substantive information/data, if available, could be difficult, with the outcome having limited impact.</p>
14	Councillor Furey	Tawd Valley Park, Skelmersdale	<p>Reject There was good evidence linking the topic to the Council’s key aims but not the Council’s current priorities. In relation to impact, the score indicated minor potential benefits affecting two or more wards/customer/client groups. It was noted, that the topic could be too focused and had links to the examination of the Town Centre (Skelmersdale) future regeneration. The role of the Friends of the Park was acknowledged.</p>

The following topics did not meet the selection criteria for the reasons indicated:

Topic No.	Source	Topic	Outcome
2	Cllr Hennessey	One Connect Contract and the Serco Contract	Already being addressed. Part of the Committee's performance management responsibilities. The BT Lancashire Services Review is an agenda item for consideration at the July meeting and the West Lancs/Serco annual review report is to be included on the agenda of the October meeting. No further action required.
3	A resident of Southport	Allocation of Funding to the Police (in Southport)	Unlikely to result in improvements for local people. The topic submitter was advised that the details he provided would be forward to Sefton Borough Council who subsequently provided a response to him. No further action required.
4	A member of the public	Current Processes and Principles for Banking and Investment of Reserves and Balances	Already being addressed. Council are kept apprised of Treasury Management activities and the effectiveness of the Treasury Management Framework through existing mechanisms. Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.
6	A member of the public	Supply chain management for Council Expenditure (and potential for localisation of spend, on context of Social Value Act 2012.)	Already being addressed. Arrangements are already in place in relation to the discharge of the Council's obligations under the Social Value Act (SVA) 2012. Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.

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8	A member of the public	Maintenance of Road Signs and Associated Issues	<p>Already being addressed. Responsibility for traffic and directional signs lies with the Highway Authority (LCC). The Three Tier Forum (County District and Parish) provides a forum for items of mutual interest to be raised.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.</p>
9	A member of the public	Potholes	<p>Already being addressed. Responsibility lies with the Highway Authority (LCC). Since the submission of this topic, central government has announced that “£168m, split between 148 councils, will help to fix some three million potholes by March 2015.”</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for his suggestion and advised of the outcome.</p>
10	A member of the public	Council Car Park – Derby Street	<p>Specific subject question. A response to be provided.</p> <p>Recommendation: That a response to the questioner be provided.</p>
11	A member of the public	Cycling through Ormskirk Town Centre	<p>Already been addressed. Review on ‘Cycling in West Lancashire’ has been the subject of a previous review undertaken by the Committee. It was agreed that an update to Members, on the consultation in relation to Moor Street and cycling through the Town Centre, should be provided.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the Assistant Director Community Services arrange for a update, in relation to the consultation being undertaken by LCC related to Moor Street and cycling in the town centre (Ormskirk), to be provided.</p>

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13	Councillor Furey	Fracking	Already being addressed. There are currently no plans for Fracking in West Lancashire. No further action required.
15	A member of the public	Immediate Environment around Play Areas	Specific subject question. Response to be provided. Recommendation: That a response to the questioner be provided.
16	A member of the public	Adverse Possessions	Already being addressed. The relevant law has relatively recently been updated/reviewed. Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.
17	A member of the public	Email reporting system of volunteer Community Vigilantes	Already being addressed. Matter subjudice or prejudicial to Council's interests. It was noted that the topic would have limited potential as a review as the outcome may conclude that processes are already in place in the community. Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.
18	A member of the public	Speeding problems during rush hours – Ormskirk Road, Up Holland	Specific subject question. Response to be provided and the details also passed onto the Ward Councillor and LCC (Highways). Recommendation. That a response to the questioner be provided and the Ward Councillor and LCC (Highways) notified.

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19	A member of the public	Bus Shelters – Safety	<p>Matter already addressed. Related to a specific subject. Response to be provided and the details also passed to the Ward Councillor.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion, a response to the specific question be provided and the Ward Councillor notified.</p>
20	A member of the public	Rented houses as “offices” – ‘Business rate avoidance’	<p>Unlikely to results in improvements for local people.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the topic submitter be thanked for the suggestion and advised of the outcome.</p>