Request by Member for Scrutiny Review



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name:	Date of Request
Councillor B Sandler	28 April 2006

Supporting Councillors (if any):

Councillor R Morgan Councillor A Haigh (TBC 28/4)

Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:

To undertake a review of the civic ceremonial functions of the Council including but not exhaustively:

- (1) the history of the budget for the civic ceremonial function, current budgetary arrangements, the funding of individual events and function catering and adequacy;
- (2) arrangements for the use of cars for the Chairman, possible other ways of sourcing or resourcing this area;
- (3) arrangements for the custody of the Chairman's/Vice Chairman's chain of office;
- (4) arrangements for the promotion of the civic function and office of the Chairman including schools and other promotion/entertainment;
- (5) support arrangements/resources employed for the Chairman;
- (6) allowance levels and expenditure;

NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Public Interest Justification:

The level of public awareness in the Chairman's activities is very high and has a good profile in the local media. The review would seek to review whether the Council ascribes a high enough profile to the promotion of the Council through the Civic Ceremonial function.

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

The Chairman's attendance at functions raises their profile and contributes to the wider positive view of the District.

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

The Council has a good track record of performance in the events it holds and promotes. There are however no performance measures for the Civic Ceremonial function. However the review could take evidence from other authorities and recipients of the Chairman's activities

Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

The Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2006-07 currently has scheduled a follow up review from a previous audit of the function and this will be linked up to this review.

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