

What is Scrutiny

- Scrutiny is the process of examining and monitoring all or part of the activity of a public sector body with the aim of improving the quality of public services
- Scrutiny Committees support the work of the council as a whole. They allow stakeholders an opportunity to have a greater say in matters of local concern.
- At its simplest, effective scrutiny will achieve improvements to the delivery of services to residents

Scrutiny Powers

- To review or scrutinise decisions or other actions which are the responsibility of the Executive
- To make reports or recommendations on the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Executive

How Scrutiny works

- Member led
- Evidence Based
- Not political
- Engaged with Executive
- Achieves outcomes
- Recommends Improvement/better quality of life

Roles of Scrutiny

- Policy development/review
 - External Scrutiny
- Holding the Executive to account

Scrutiny Officer Support

- A Management Team lead Director
- Hands on support from a Lead Officer from the Democracy Team
 - Support from Heads of Service and their staff
 - Use Officer strengths

Why do a Scrutiny Review?

- Priority Strategic Objective
- Concern identified by Member/constituents/media
 - Poor Performance/User dissatisfaction
 - Budget – priority area/overspend
 - Central Government/Audit priority area

What to Review?

- Detailed Aims and Objectives- be realistic about resources available

How to Review?

- Action Plan, Timetable
- Use Member and Officer strengths- be accountable for actions
- Establish current position in Burnley– research, witnesses, public involvement
- Establish best practice –benchmarking- research , witnesses, public involvement
- Identify improvements- targeted outcomes, financial implications