

Scrutiny Committee – Review Subjects

The following are those subject areas which have been requested for Scrutiny to consider and the stage they have reached:

Source	Issue/Description	Stage	Proposed Scrutiny Committee meeting date
Graeme Donald	Religious Observance Policy } }These will be presented together at the } same meeting.	With Service Director Children & Young People	29 October 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Faith Schools }	With Service Director Children & Young People	29 October 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Attainment levels in Schools in Deprived Areas	With Service Director Children & Young People	24 September 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Home Schooling and Non-Schooling	With Service Director Children & Young People	20 August 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Mainstream Schools and Children with Severe Learning Difficulties	With Service Director Children & Young People	24 September 2015 Completed
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council	Great Tapestry of Scotland – to scrutinise the whole process through which the decision appears to have been taken by SBC Councillors to site the great tapestry of Scotland in a new-build at Tweedbank. In particular, to scrutinise the extent to which a full option appraisal was undertaken of all possible sites and that the detailed business case was presented for all options prior to any decision being made.	Letter from CC dated 15 June 2015. Agreed not to consider until it had been presented to Petitions and Deputations Committee on 1 October 2015. EYCC will be notified.	Update to the 29 October 2015 meeting on the decision of the Petitions and Deputations Committee of 1 October. Ongoing. Short term Scrutiny Working Group to be established with membership agreed on 26 November 2015.
Ettrick and Yarrow	To review the extent to which the SBC budget for road repairs and	Letter from CC	28 January 2016.

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Community Council – Allocation of Budgets for Road Maintenance and Repairs	maintenance is sufficient to meet need and the not unreasonable expectation that roads will be maintained in a safe condition. Within this context, to particularly examine how the allocation of budget for <u>rural</u> roads is arrived at and whether more should be allocated.	dated 15 June 2015. Agreed to consider this.	
Councillor Turnbull	Fees for taxi licensing – the amount paid to outside bodies in administering taxi licensing and how the fees for a licence in the Borders compare with those of neighbouring authorities.	Information emailed to Cllr Turnbull from Jackie Wilson on 5/10/15. Cllr Turnbull does not wish to pursue further.	14 October 2015 completed.
Councillor Bhatia	Protection of Private Water Supplies	Request further information from Cllr Bhatia to determine what would be scrutinised. Information rec'd.	26 November 2015
Lib Dem Group	Implications of the Community Empowerment Act on the Council	Request further information from the Lib Dem Group to determine what would be scrutinised.	26 November 2015
Scrutiny Committee	Financing arrangements for the Transport Interchange in Galashiels - to include subsidy arrangements and departure charges.	Agreed to consider this.	To be agreed
Scrutiny Committee	Renewable energy – to include arrangements for biomass boilers at high schools.	Likely to be considered by the Executive Committee. <i>Scrutiny Review on hold.</i>	

