

Scrutiny Topic Suggestion Form

Please complete the sections below if you wish to suggest a topic for scrutiny or policy development. If you require assistance whilst completing this form, please contact the Scrutiny & Policy Officer on:

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Suggested topics must meet one or both of the following criteria:

A. High level/strategic topics that impact on how services are delivered and/or how the council works

B. Issues that have a significant impact on the East Lindsey community

1. Topic Title	To explore effective Councillor Development to improve engagement.
2. Which of the above criteria does your topic suggestion meet – A or B (please highlight one or both) - and explain how.	A – This is a strategic topic that impacts how the council works and how it can work more effectively, particularly on consultation and engagement.
3. Reasons why the subject should be reviewed. If applicable, please state what type of scrutiny – (a) post-decision scrutiny; (b) pre-decision scrutiny; (c) policy development.	This topic would be C) policy development as ELDC currently has no Member Development Strategy / Policy. Engagement and consultation on Council matters is most valuable when Members have had effective training, both as part of their initial induction, as well as their ongoing development.
4. What is the relationship to the sub-regional, corporate or local priorities as identified in the Sub-Regional Strategy?	Efficiency and effectiveness
Portfolio Responsibility if known	Councillor Craig Leyland – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Affairs
5. Evidence (What evidence is there to support the need for scrutiny? What are the facts?)	Need for more effective Member consultation and engagement on key matters - specifically Member Training; Member ICT provision; Civic engagement; The Hub building, fabric, decoration, Members facilities; etc. Review of Member Involvement/ Consultation on corporate matters.
6. Desired Outcomes (What would be achieved for the council or district by undertaking this topic?)	Some Councils have a 'Councillor Development Committee' to ensure input, it would be worthwhile exploring what would be best for ELDC.
Topic proposed by:	Councillor Tom Ashton
Date:	15 th May 2024

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- Overview Meeting: 11th June 2024
- Accept/ Reject:
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Please note, if you wish to see more details about how Overview Committee assesses scrutiny topics, please ask the Scrutiny & Policy Officer for a copy of the Scrutiny & Policy Panel Operational Guidelines.