Topic Suggestion Form

Please return this form to:

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Name: Bolsover Partnership team

Please list up to two suggestions below:

Criteria for evaluating and prioritising suggested topic	Topic No.1
What topic are you suggesting and the possible review title e.g. Review of. …	To undertake a review of the Councils Grant to Voluntary Organisations Budget allocations.
Does this issue have a potential impact on one or more section(s) of the population? **Does this topic relate to a specific geographical area or the whole District?**	There are no direct impacts on one or more of the districts population. The funds are allocated to organisations who provide direct support through advice or activities that are available to the residents of the district.
Is the issue strategic and significant? (Include reference to how it contributes to the delivery of the Council's priorities)	Significant. The budget allocation totals £100,000 and each organisation indirectly supports the aims of the council.

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Will the scrutiny activity add value to the Council's, and/or its partners' overall performance? (Include reference to current issues with service dissatisfaction/ under performance/complaints)	Yes. The review is to assess whether the allocation remains relevant or if adjustments need to be made following the Global Pandemic. The needs of our communities in the medium to longer term will shift. For example the increased risk of redundancy, increases in Isolation, health priorities etc. Each organisations performance is measured using SROI calculations (SROI, principals and tools used was covered in a previous Scrutiny) what else might the council need to know – monitor?
Is it likely to lead to effective outcomes? (E.g. improve value for money, increase income, make savings)	Improve value for money, understanding of impact of the investment in organisations.
Will scrutiny involvement be duplicating some other work? • **Is this function currently being reviewed? (E.g. via Internal Audit/ Service Review)**	No
Is it an issue of concern to partners and stakeholders?	It might be an issue of concern to organisations in receipt of the grant depending on the outcome of the review.
Is the topic an issue of community concern? • **Has it been raised by residents in your ward?**	No

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Are there adequate resources available to do the scrutiny activity well?	Policy Officer time is available.
Is the scrutiny activity suggested timely? • **Has this subject been reviewed in the last 3 years? If so when, what was the outcome and what would a further review achieve or how would it make an impact?**	The last review of the budget was undertaken when the LEP team became responsible for it over 4 years ago.

Method of Delivery – support to Scoping of Review	Topic No.1	
Is there Statutory Responsibility for the area in question, i.e. planning enforcement?	No	
How could the public be engaged? e.g. survey, discussion group or co-opted onto a Panel	Survey or discussion group.	
Please tick one of the boxes to your right to identify which type of review your topic is suitable for:	**In depth review (up to 6 months)**	
	Mini review (1-2 meetings) – formal report to Committee with recommendations agreed on the day/at the subsequent meeting.	x
	Update Presentation or Report to the Scrutiny Committee to support development of future review topic (low priority issue)	