

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group – July 2025

Review of scrutiny item requests

Scrutiny request pro-forma		Request details
No. 24		
1.	Member request	Councillor A M Lay
2.	Area of scrutiny requested and reasons for it	Blackwater Leisure Centre facilities: The messaging to existing users and residents, the scoping of alternative locations and the reputational impact on the Council of the communication process for users and residents of Maldon town and the surrounding district. This includes the assurances given to Members at the meeting of the Council on 14/11/24
3.	Indicate which part of the Committee's remit the request falls within	Review or scrutiny of decisions made or actions taken, also relating to corporate risk and affecting the inhabitants or the area.
4.	If other, give further details	
5.	Has the matter been raised directly with Officers or another Committee?	Yes
6.	If yes to 5, give further details including dates and any response	Have spoken with Officers concerned with the Leisure Contract procurement
7.	Expected outcome of this requested scrutiny item	An understanding of what happened, the timeline, the allocation of responsibilities and management of delivery. How we avoid this going forward and the impact on reputation and what changes can be put in place.

Officer review and comments

1. These matters clearly fall within the remit of the Committee for potential review and scrutiny.
2. A separate briefing note has been prepared for the Working Group to make an initial assessment of this scrutiny request and report to the Committee.