

## Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by sponsoring Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

**Note: The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the Borough Council's remit.**

Proposer's name and designation	Cllr. Tom Baker-Price, Member for Headless cross and Oakenshaw	Date of referral	05/07/16
Proposed topic title	Protecting Redditch's Heritage Assets Short, Sharp Review.		
Link to national, regional and local priorities and targets	<p><b>Provide Good things for me to see do and visit and Keep my place safe and looking good:</b> Redditch's heritage assets such as the palace theatre, the fountain at Church Green or Headless Cross Methodist Chapel help to provide interesting places to see, visit and make the town look 'good'/attractive.</p> <p><b>Paragraphs 126-141 National planning policy framework:</b> Demonstrates the national priorities surrounding heritage assets. In particular, the contribution heritage assets make to Sustainable communities, economic vitality and local character/distinctiveness.</p>		
Background to the issue	<p>As reported on the front page of the Redditch Advertiser (18<sup>th</sup> May 2016) and the online edition of the Redditch Standard (20<sup>th</sup> May 2016), the locally listed Methodist church was demolished. This erased over 100 years of heritage and a distinctive tower that Redditch Borough Council's (RBC) Planning Committee attempted to safeguard. RBC failed to make an article 4 direction which removes demolition rights under part 11 of the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) 2015. The building now lies in ruin and in all likelihood the tower will never return to the people of Headless Cross.</p> <p>The incident highlights the plight of Redditch's Heritage assets and the need for RBC to ensure all possible action is taken to prevent Redditch history slipping away.</p> <p>A report on the subject of 'Applying Article 4 Directions to the Council's Schedule of Locally Listed Buildings' is scheduled on the Executive Committee's Work Programme for consideration in July 2016. Whilst I would envisage that the scope of the Short, Sharp Review will be wider than this report the content may help to inform Members involved in this exercise.</p>		
Key Objectives Please keep to SMART	➤ To review current methods for protecting Redditch's heritage assets.		

<p>objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ To assess best practice at other local authorities which could be replicated in Redditch in order to strengthen the protection of heritage assets.</li> <li>➤ To identify potential opportunities in terms of partnership working, projects and funding streams that could help strengthen the protection of Redditch's heritage assets.</li> <li>➤ To make recommendations on how to strengthen protection for Redditch's heritage assets including the current process for identification of the assets.</li> </ul> <p>N.B. As RBC is the planning authority for Redditch this review is clearly within the Council's remit.</p>
<p>How long do you think is needed to complete this exercise? (Where possible please estimate the number of weeks, months and meetings required)</p>	<p>Approx. 10 weeks with a meeting a week. More meetings could be scheduled if this is insufficient.</p>

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