

SCRUTINY SCOPING FORM

Suggestion From	Cllr David Beavan
Title of the Review	Southwold Harbour
<p>1. Purpose of the Review To find a way forward for the governance of Southwold Harbour that restores the trust between the Southwold electorate and the Council, and effects a sustainable harbour operation. To that end, to ensure that the current consultation is inclusive and transparent.</p>	
<p>2. What are the main issues and concerns to be considered? The historic mismanagement of the harbour and caravan site by WDC resulting in a lack of trust – including inaccurate accounts especially pre 2010, gross mismanagement of the North Wall project, failure of the Joint Harbour Committee to meet quarterly in public as promised in 2015, and the continued use of depreciation and other means to extract funds in contravention of the 1933 Harbours Act. The inaccuracy of the accounts currently submitted to the Department for Transport.</p>	
<p>3. What are the desired outcomes of this review? That WDC recognises previous problems and engages transparently with all stakeholders to reach a mutually agreed form of governance in a true consultation rather than a PR exercise.</p>	
<p>4. What issues should be disregarded as not relevant to this review? None</p>	
<p>5. Who is responsible for providing this service, or tackling the issue in question? Kerry Blair and Andrew Jarvis re the governance. Simon Taylor re accounts</p> <p>Have you spoken to them, and if so, what was the response? I had a meeting with Cllr Bee, Kerry Blair, Andrew Jarvis and Simon Taylor in September, I set up a meeting between stakeholders and KB and AJ in October I went over the accounts with ST in November. I spoke at the Joint Harbour Committee meeting on Dec 18th, where WDC presented proposals for new governance that they intend to introduce before the demise of WDC in April. I emailed a draft of this scoping form to all the officers and councillors, including Bee, Catchpole and Ladd, on December 5th. Cllr Catchpole responded that he thought Cllr Bee was handing this.</p>	

6. What is the Cabinet Member's view on this issue?

Cllr Bee admits in public that there have been mistakes in the past, but has not responded directly to my concerns. He is driving the move to a new form of governance.

7. Estimated Committee, officer and resource implications (for example review group, one-off report, dedicated meeting)

I will present a report which Andrew Jarvis could respond to in front of the scrutiny meeting in February.

8. Suggested witnesses, documentation and consultation

My report. AJ's response.

I would like to call town councillor Simon Flunder, a Southwold town councillor and one of the putative harbour trustees who has been closely involved in accounts, and Bill Steele, the secretary of the Southwold Haven Port Harbour Users group, which represents residents and businesses in the harbour.

AJ may want to call Simon Taylor and Kerry Blair.

The scrutiny committee could then make recommendations.

9. Timescale (including estimated start and finish date)

This needs to be done before the end of the consultation on March 1st.

I do not think we will have the reports ready for the January meeting. The reports are important because they involve accounts and the argument over figures, which cannot easily be discussed off the cuff.

10. Will this review contribute to one or more of the Critical Success Factors outlined in the East Suffolk Business Plan? If so, which (please tick)
(Further guidance on these Critical Success Factors can be found overleaf)

Economic Development & Tourism	Yes	Customers	yes
Leisure	Yes	Communities	yes
Planning		Community Health	
Housing		Green Environment	
Benefits		Resources	

Would you like to be involved in the review?

Yes	Yes	No	
Date of request: 20/12/2018		Signed <i>David Beavan</i>	