



POLICY DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday 23rd October 2006

7.00 p.m.

**Venue:
Watford Colosseum
Town Hall, Watford**

**Please note the venue and start time for
this meeting**

Publication date: 12th September 2006

Welcome to this meeting. We hope you find these notes useful.

ACCESS

Access to the Colosseum is via the front main entrance. The Small Hall is situated to the left of the main foyer.

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The Council operates a no smoking policy.

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CONTACT

If you require information or if you would like this information in another format e.g. large print, please contact Lucy Jobson on 01923 278375 or by email to legalanddemocratic@watford.gov.uk (Minicom available on 01923 278499).

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Derbyshire (Chair)
Councillor P Mortimer (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Greenslade, Khan, Mahmood, McGovern and Mrs Punter (two vacancies)

AGENDA

PART “A” - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (if any)

3. MINUTES

To submit for signature the minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 18th September 2006 (*all minutes are available on the Council's website*).

4. COLOSSEUM REVIEW

To hear evidence from:

- people and organisations outside the Council with a specific interest in the future of the Colosseum
- members of the public attending the meeting who wish to express a view

Members – Please bring the information pack previously supplied

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th November 2006

Report to Scrutiny

Item Number: **4**

Subject of report	Colosseum Review Project Introduction	
Responsible Officer(s)	Scrutiny Manager	
Author(s)	Mike Thomas – contact: Telephone 01923 278194; E-mail Mike.Thomas@watford.gov.uk	
Portfolio(s)	Leisure & Community	
For Consideration By	Policy Scrutiny Committee	✓
	Call-in & Performance Scrutiny Committee	
	Budget Panel	
Date to be Considered	23 October 2006	

Reason for report	
Routine, periodic report (as set out in the scrutiny committee's forward plan)	
Referral from another member committee (state which)	
Referral from a cabinet portfolio holder (state which)	
At the request of member of the Council	
At the request of the scrutiny committee (quote reference)	
Service Review Report	✓ Introduction
Review of an executive decision previously taken.	
Consultation on a proposed executive decision	
A called in decision	
Report back from a sub- group	

1. Report summary

This report introduces the second evidence gathering session for the Colosseum review project.

The meeting has been organised to hear evidence from

- people and organisations outside the Council with a specific interest in the future of the Colosseum,
- members of the public attending the meeting who wish to express a view.

2. Issues for the committee to discuss

Evidence from people attending.

Hear, discuss and note opinions and factual evidence to be used at a later meeting in formulating conclusions and recommendations.

- Are people speaking able to say how they would like to see the Colosseum developed?
- What are their specific interest, if any?
- Apart from their own interests, what are the advantages to the town of their vision?
- Do people have a view on whether the Council should subsidise the Colosseum if it is unable to break even or operate at a surplus?
- Is who operates the Colosseum an issue for people speaking? For example the facility could be managed by the Council, a charitable trust or a commercial organisation.
- If a mixed use venue, what type/range of activities would people like to see taking place?

3. What the committee needs to conclude

How can evidence gathered to be used in formulating recommendations for the future of the Colosseum?

4. Attachments & Background papers.

Information pack containing –

- Scope and terms of reference.
- Research information collected to date.

Members - Please bring your copies to the meeting.