Mid Devon District Council Scrutiny Proposal Form

(This form should be completed by 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 Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the District Council's remit.

Proposer's name and designation	RHYS ROBERTS	Date of referral	24/02/2025
Proposed topic title	Z Pods or Modular Buildings		
Link to national, regional and local priorities(Corporate Plan) and targets	The housing program has implications across council activities, namely housing policy and targets and financial implications due to the increasing costs of this policy.		
Background to the issue	Z Pods or modular buildings have been identified by the council as a key design to tackle the increasing demand for more affordable housing in the region. As a result, several sites have been identified within the Housing Revenue Accounts (HRA)Development Program and designs approved. Since the initial budget was approved, costs have risen substantially and yet no buildings have been developed. One development in Fir Close, Willand has raised several concerns with the Parish Council based on development delays and increased costs to the project.		
List main points this report should cover (What do you want to achieve?)	The report should look into the suitability of the design and the council's decision to work with ZPods. Project delays and increased costs should be investigated, and an assessment made if this policy still represents value for money to MDDC What other solutions have been considered by MDDC as we seek to deliver our commitments to increase affordable housing in the region.		
Should this be referred to the appropriate PDG/Committee?			
What degree of priority is this issue? 1 = Urgent 2= High 3=Medium 4=Low	2		

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Proposing an item for the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Step 1

Member of Committee / Cabinet / Council / Officer/Residents raise an issue that they feel could be included in the Scrutiny Work Programme. A **Proposal form** should be completed and forwarded to the Scrutiny Officer.Residents can access the form online or contact the Scrutiny Officer directly.

Step 2

Individual Members and residents can bring forward a proposal or issue to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration. Initially, if required, the Scrutiny Officer will discuss the suggestion in more detail with the proposer and confirm any details and/or work up a more detailed proposal making sure there are clear outcomes identified.

Step 3

- The Scrutiny Committee will take a vote on whether the proposal warrants investigation. During the discussion, members will be supported in ensuring that all proposals clearly demonstrate:
 - Where they will add value to the work of the Council or to our communities
 - Resources available to address the issue
 - Ability to make a distinct and positive impact through the scrutiny function
 - Topics that are timely and relevant, but not already under review elsewhere

Step 4

- If Committee agree, item will be included in the Work Programme either way, decision (and reasons) will be communicated to the proposer.
- Following this recommendation a discussion on how to progress the issue will be made by the Committee.
- The Scrutiny Committee will decide when the item is included in the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.