To the Head of Scrutiny 23 January 2012

Trans Scrutiny

Further to our conversation last week I would like to request that a Scrutiny Panel on the rights and needs of the trans community is convened. I am to understand that a request must go to yourself to be added to the papers for the next Commission viz next Tues. I hope that this item can be added.

In the light of the <u>murder of Andrea Waddell in 2009</u> and the ongoing situation with the trans community in Brighton and Hove, the Leader of the Council and myself met representatives of the trans community a few weeks ago and we agreed a joint work programme.

The trans community throughout the world and in Brighton and Hove face discrimination in society and through provision of services and their needs are too often marginalised.

The idea of a scrutiny to analyse the needs of this burgeoning community in our city is fundamentally about how we as a Council and as a city shift to address the needs of this community and to reflect their agenda in the work that we do.

I hope that we can have this added to the agenda for the OSC next week. I will be subbing and can speak to the agenda item.

Best wishes

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