

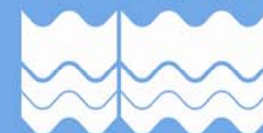
Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Future work at a glance

May 2011

Please note that this list is correct at the time of writing but may be subject to change. The order in which items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order they will appear on the final agenda for the meeting.

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| Standing items appearing at every meeting of the committee | | |
| Potential new scrutiny items | <p>Trees and woodlands: There is a potential topic for a mini scrutiny review to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Take an overview of all the County Council's current tree policies in place to consider whether they are doing the right job; and to assess and understand any current problems and issues in their implementation. 2) Consider whether, given the removal of the funding for the parish tree wardens, effective alternative support is being given to supporting volunteer work in planting and managing trees and to see whether anything more can be done in this respect to further Big Society aims. 3) Review the action being taken to deal with Dutch Elm Disease (DED) including improvements being made to the framework contract for removal and destruction of affected trees. | |
| Ongoing scrutiny projects | <p>Highways maintenance reprocurement project: The scrutiny committee is acting as a Member reference group for the work being undertaken in the lead up to the re procurement of the highways maintenance contract. Regular progress updates are reported to the Committee and committee visits to see the work of other authorities are arranged.</p> | |
| The Council's Forward Plan | <p>The Council's Forward Plan is included on each committee agenda to enable Members to identify relevant issues for scrutiny. Options for handling issues include: briefing paper request; item on a future scrutiny committee agenda to consider specific questions; or an in-depth scrutiny review.</p> | |



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| Performance Management | <p>Performance monitoring by scrutiny is now largely undertaken as part of individual scrutiny reviews and only by the scrutiny committee on an exception basis. When the committee requests an overview, a quarterly performance monitoring report is added to the agenda. These reports summarise the Council's performance of those activities within the committee's terms of reference. Key service targets assessed as 'amber' or 'red' would be included in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Amber' (where there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year) together with recommendations for action • 'Red' (where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable). | |

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| 6 June 2011 | | |
| Bus Strategy and Community Transport | <p>16 June 2010: Committee considered the latest position on implementation of the community transport and bus strategies. The Committee will focus on the sustainability of community transport schemes, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actual costs per passenger journey for each scheme • numbers of people using each scheme • the viability of taxi vouchers as an alternative to the more costly schemes • an indication of the success of advertising and marketing of the schemes. | <p>Roger Williams, Head of Transport Operations</p> <p>Neil Maguire, Passenger Transport Services Manager</p> |
| Flood risk management | To consider the <i>Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA)</i> to ensure that it meets the required quality and consistency standards prior to submission to the Environment Agency. | Nick Claxton, Flood Risk Management Officer |
| Environment Strategy | To consider the key features of the draft Environment Strategy and to ensure that the strategy will result in practical benefits. | Stephen Potter, Environmental Strategist |
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| 14 September 2011 | | |
| Reconciling Policy and Resources (RPR) | To review and make recommendations on the Transport and Environment portfolio policy steers and to establish a review Board to scrutinise the more detailed portfolio plan as it emerges in November and December. | Director of Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment |
| Road Safety in East Sussex | To consider the six month monitoring report of the outcomes of the previous scrutiny review of road safety. | Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Economy Transport and Environment |

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| Winter Service | To consider the twelve-month monitoring report on progress with the Committee's recommendations to improve winter maintenance and preparedness. | Karl Taylor Assistant Director (Operations), Economy, Transport; Environment; Dale Foden (Head of Highway Operations) |
| Rural speed limits review | The Lead Member for Transport and Environment (22 March 2011) requested scrutiny to review the impacts of the rural speed limit programme to date, including lessons learned, and to consider whether the approach to speed limit reduction needs to be refined. | Mark Valleley (Team Manager –Transport Planning) |
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| 23 November 2011 | | |
| Parking Strategy in East Sussex | To review whether the intended outcomes from current parking schemes have been achieved, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traffic and environmental benefits • civil parking enforcement effectiveness • economic development benefits and impact on businesses. | Roger Williams, Head of Transport Operations |
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| March 2012 | | |
| Reconciling policy and resources (RPR) | To review scrutiny's impact on RPR and to make recommendations for future improvements. | Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager |
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Acronyms Glossary

RPR Reconciling Policy and Resources

LTP3 Local Transport Plan 3: 2011 - 2026

PFRA Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment