

Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Future work at a glance

September 2011

Please note that this list is correct at the time of writing but may be subject to change.

Issue	Objectives and summary	People providing evidence
Standing items appearing at every meeting of the committee		
The Council's Forward Plan	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.	
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). 	

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Objectives and summary</i>	<i>People providing evidence</i>
14 September 2011		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To review and make recommendations on the Economy, Transport and Environment portfolio policy steers and to establish a review Board to scrutinise the more detailed portfolio plan as it emerges in December 2011.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment / Scrutiny
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 Tony Cook, Head of Planning
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). Roger Williams, Head of Highway Operations
Cuckmere Estuary	To consider proposals being considered for the future management of the Cuckmere estuary.	Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Transport and Environment
23 November 2011		
Outcomes from parking schemes 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, and • demographic impact of residents' parking schemes in town centres. 	Nick Skelton, Head of Transport and Operational Services

Issue	Objectives and summary	People providing evidence
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)
Trading Standards	Update on the latest Trading Standards activities and issues.	Brian Johnson, Head of Trading Standards
Economic Development & Skills	Update on the latest economic development and skills issues and activities.	Kieran McNamara, Assistant Director of Economy
Highways maintenance procurement project	The scrutiny committee is continuing its role as a Member reference group for the work being undertaken in the lead up to the re procurement of the highways maintenance contract. The committee is engaged in a series of visits to consider the work of other authorities in this area. This report will outline the Committee's recommendations for performance indicators in respect of the future highways contract.	Karl Taylor, Assistant Director Transport and Environment
14 March 2012		
Reconciling policy and resources (RPR)	To review scrutiny's impact on RPPR and to make recommendations for future improvements.	Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager
Flood risk management	To consider progress with the work arising from the <i>Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment</i> (PFRA). (Provisional)	Nick Claxton, Flood Risk Management Officer
Trees and woodlands scrutiny review	To consider the report of the scrutiny review board established by the Committee (6 June 2011) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an overview of all the County Council's current tree policies to consider whether they are doing the right job and to assess any problems and issues. • Consider whether effective support is being given to volunteer work in 	Chairman of the review board

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Objectives and summary</i>	<i>People providing evidence</i>
	planting and managing trees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the action being taken to deal with Dutch Elm Disease (DED). Members: Councillors Stogdon (Chairman), Daniel, Fawthrop and Rodohan.	
19 June 2012		

Contact Officer: Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager, 01273 481751 or paul.dean@eastsussex.gov.uk