

# Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: March 2012

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Objectives and summary</i>	<i>People providing evidence</i>
<b>Standing items appearing at every meeting of the committee</b>		
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"> <li>• 'Amber' (where there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year) together with recommendations for action</li> <li>• 'Red' (where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable).</li> </ul>	
Issues for possible further scrutiny / ongoing scrutiny work	<p><u>Remedial works to roads by utility companies</u> (Proposed by Cllr Daniel)                      Utility companies are responsible for reinstating the road to a minimum required standard following any works. Between April and June 2011, 16 remedial works were carried out but when tested only 6 (38%) were considered satisfactory. What more can be done to influence utility companies to reinstate roads more effectively and to reduce the costs of inspection?</p>	

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	<p><u>Highways maintenance re procurement project:</u> The scrutiny committee is overseeing the work being undertaken in the lead up to the re procurement of the highways maintenance contract. The committee has undertaken visits to Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire to look at alternative contract models in practice. So far the committee has endorsed: a) the decision to extend the current highway contract rather than re procure immediately (April 2011) and b) an outline set of key performance indicators for the highways maintenance contract (23 November 2011).</p> <p><u>Economic development strategy:</u> The scrutiny committee has examined the headlines of the draft Economic Development Strategy and will be considering what further work it wishes to undertake in due course.</p>	

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<b>14 March 2012</b>		
Petition – Eastbourne cycling	To consider a petition which states: “We the undersigned, would like better cycling provision in Eastbourne”. Some petitioners are also in support of a sea front cycle route.	Bespoke / Jon Wheeler, Team Manager, Transport Policy
Trading Standards	Update on the latest Trading Standards activities and issues.	Brian Johnson, Head of Trading Standards
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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Review the action being taken to manage Dutch Elm Disease.</li> </ul>	Chairman of the review board

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	Members: Councillors Stogdon (Chairman), Daniel and Rodohan.	
Winter maintenance	To consider any further lessons learnt from the winter maintenance experience from December 2011 – February 2012.	Karl Taylor, Assistant Director Transport and Environment
Reconciling policy, performance and resources (RPPR)	To review scrutiny's impact on RPPR and to make recommendations for future improvements.	Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment / Scrutiny
<b>19 June 2012</b>		
Emergency Planning	To consider an outline of the work of the Emergency Planning team and its preparedness for any emergency that might befall East Sussex.	
Road Safety in East Sussex	To consider the twelve-month monitoring report of the outcomes of the scrutiny review of road safety.	Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Economy Transport and Environment Tony Cook, Head of Planning Brian Banks, Road Safety Expert.
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
<b>19 September 2012</b>		

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<b>20 November 2012</b>		

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