

Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: June 2012

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Objectives and summary</i>	<i>People providing evidence</i>
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). 	
Issues for possible further scrutiny / ongoing scrutiny work	<p><u>Highways maintenance re procurement project:</u> The scrutiny committee is overviewing 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</p>	

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	<p>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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Road Safety in East Sussex	To consider the twelve-month monitoring report of the outcomes of the scrutiny review of road safety.	<p>Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Economy Transport and Environment</p> <p>Tony Cook, Head of Planning</p> <p>Brian Banks, Road Safety Expert.</p>
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. This will include a discussion about drought preparations.	<p>David Broadley, Emergency Planning Manager</p> <p>Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Economy, Transport and Environment</p>
Flood risk management	<p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flood Risk Management Strategy: a discussion about the key principles that will underpin the future (statutory) strategy • Details of a forthcoming flood risk stakeholder event on 4 July 2012. • Resources available to support a number of local projects. 	Nick Claxton, Flood Risk Management Officer

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19 September 2012		
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 2012.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment / Scrutiny
Flood & Water Management Act (2010)	To consider the impacts of some key elements of this legislation, including the new drainage approval role for local authorities.	Nick Claxton, Flood Risk Management Officer
Trees and woodlands scrutiny review	To consider a six-month update on the scrutiny review.	Andy Robertson, Assistant Director, Economy, Transport and Environment
20 November 2012		
Water shortages / drought in East Sussex (provisional)	A report of the scrutiny review including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long and short term consequences of a prolonged drought • Emergency planning considerations • Effectiveness of the plans of the key agencies involved. (Membership: Councillors Stogdon, Freeman, Howson and Fawthrop).	Chairman of the review board
18 March 2013		
Reconciling policy, performance and	To review scrutiny's impact on RPPR and to make recommendations for future improvements.	Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager

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resources (RPPR)		Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment / Scrutiny
Highways Contract re-procurement project	To consider key questions relating to the future highways contract re-procurement exercise.	

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