

# Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

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<b>Items that appear regularly at committee</b>	
<p>The Council's <b>Forward Plan</b></p>	<p>The latest version of the Council's <b>Forward Plan</b> is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the <b>call-in</b> procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>
<p>Committee work programme</p>	<p>This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.</p>

<b>Future committee agenda items</b>		<b>Witnesses</b>
<b>19 September 2013</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources is the Council's business and budget planning process. The Committee will begin the process leading to detailed scrutiny of the portfolio plans as they emerge in December 2013.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Members Economy and Transport & Environment / Scrutiny
Supported bus network	To consider options for public consultation following a review of the East Sussex bus routes that are supported by the County Council.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment
Street lighting in East Sussex	To consider the street lighting changes that have been introduced across parts of the County and the future programme. To examine the extent to which energy savings have been achieved and the impact of the changes on community safety and budgets.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment
<b>20 November 2013</b>		
Street works on the highways of East Sussex	The Committee will consider a six-month update on its earlier report and recommendations to reduce the disruption and inconvenience caused by street works in East Sussex.	Director of Economy Transport and Environment / Lead Member Economy, Transport and Environment / Scrutiny

<b>Future committee agenda items</b>		<b>Witnesses</b>
<b>17 March 2014</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To review and suggest improvements to RPPR in the light of the Committee's work; and, to consider the extent to which the Committee's recommendations have been accepted.	Scrutiny
<b>Further ahead</b>		
March 2015	<u>Dutch Elm Disease Strategy update</u> . To review how well the 'prioritised approach' strategy, endorsed by scrutiny in March 2013, is working.	

<b>Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway</b>		<b>Date to report</b>
<b>Highways contract re-procurement project</b> – this is an ongoing review involving the whole scrutiny committee. This work could include an overview of <b>gully emptying</b> as part of its consideration of the highways Asset Management Plan.		<b>2014</b>

<b>Potential future scrutiny work</b> (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)	
<b>Highways grass cutting and weed spraying</b> – functions undertaken by the County Council, district and borough councils, parish and town councils. Any scrutiny could investigate whether efficiencies could be made.	
<b>Road safety</b>	

<b>Background / information reports available to the Committee</b> (Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)	
<b>Performance and risk management monitoring</b>	<p>Performance and risk monitoring are an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant quarterly <b>reports</b> that Cabinet and lead Members receive. Members can then suggest matters for scrutiny to investigate in more detail.</p> <p>In the performance reports, achievement against individual performance targets is assessed as either 'Red', 'Amber' or 'Green' ('RAG'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Green' means that the performance measure is on target to be achieved</li> <li>• 'Amber' means that there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year</li> <li>• 'Red' means that the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable.</li> </ul> <p>The 'Red' and 'Amber' indicators also include further commentary and the details of any proposed corrective action.</p> <p>A similar RAG indicator system is used in the risk reports to indicate the overall score for each risk indicator that takes account of impact and likelihood.</p>
	Date available Every quarter

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<p>Requests for further information about individual items in the performance or risks reports should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman.</p>	

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