

Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: September 2013

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
<p>The Council's Forward Plan</p>	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. This document lists 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 Forward Plan helps 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 call-in 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>

<i>Future committee agenda items</i>		<i>Witnesses</i>
20 November 2013		
Road Safety update	The Committee has maintained an overview of the County's road safety statistics over several years. This update will allow the committee to explore the extent to which a coherent road safety strategy has been developed that will demonstrably improve road safety in East Sussex. Of particular interest will be the effectiveness of joint working between all the parties involved.	Road safety officers / Assistant Director Economy, Transport and Environment / external partners
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	A response to the requests for further information from the meeting held on 19 September 2013.	Assistant Director Economy, Transport and Environment
Highways verge cutting and weed spraying	To start an initial scoping exercise of a possible review of Highways verge cutting and weed spraying with particular reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the contractors undertaking grass cutting / weed spraying are fulfilling their obligations and providing the best possible value for money • whether the level of 'devolution' for this function between local government tiers needs to be reconsidered in the light of the considerable variations and expectations of the service from area to area, and the increasingly challenging financial situation faced by all councils • whether there would be benefits in clarifying and perhaps extending the role that individual householders and businesses could play in maintaining grassy areas in their streets. 	Assistant Director Economy, Transport and Environment / Head of Highways / Scrutiny
Highways repair manual for pavements	To review the current Highway's repair manual specification for pavement alignments and repairs.	Assistant Director Economy, Transport and Environment / Head of Highways

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17 March 2014		
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
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
11 June 2014		
Further ahead		
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.	

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date to report
Highways contract re-procurement project – this ongoing scrutiny project has been in existence for two years and involves the whole scrutiny committee acting as a reference group (ie. meeting at key stages during the development of the new highways contract model providing valuable observations and recommendations along the way). It includes particular	2014

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<p>consideration of gully emptying.</p> <p>The committee has previously reviewed several highways contract models and has visited local authorities that have developed innovative approaches to their highways contract re-procurement in recent years.</p> <p>The committee/reference group will continue to meet, and provide comments and recommendations, until the re-procurement of the East Sussex highways contract is complete in 2015.</p>	

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)

Background / information reports available to the Committee (Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)		Date available
Performance management	<p>Performance monitoring is an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant quarterly reports 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>	Every quarter

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Green' means that the performance measure is on target to be achieved • 'Amber' means that there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year • 'Red' means that the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable. <p>The 'Red' and 'Amber' indicators also include further commentary and the details of any proposed corrective action.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items in the performance 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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