

Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

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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>

Future committee agenda items		Witnesses
17 March 2014		
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 Communities, Economy & Transport / Lead Member Transport and Environment / Scrutiny
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
Highways repair manual for pavements	To review the impact of adopting an enhanced intervention standard for pavement repairs compared with current Highway's repair manual specification for pavement alignments and repairs.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy &, Transport / Head of Highways/Scrutiny
Rights of Way Maintenance	To receive an update report on the reconfiguration of the Rights of Way team and maintenance functions.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport/Head of Transport & Operational Services.
Passenger Transport	To review proposals for the commissioning strategy for bus and community transport services, including public consultation proposals.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport/Head of Transport & Operational Services.

Flood Risk Management Strategy	To receive on update report on the implementation of the Flood Risk Management Strategy, in the light of widespread flooding over the winter of 2013/14 and the linkages to Highways flooding issues (e.g. inundated roads, standing water, blocked gullies etc).	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport / Head of Planning / Scrutiny
11 June 2014		
Highways verge cutting and weed spraying	A Review of report on Highways verge cutting examining options for different maintenance regimes in rural areas.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport / Head of Highways / Scrutiny
Review of alternative funding for School Crossing Patrols	A report from the review of alternative types of funding and in particular the use of commercial sponsorship, for School Crossing Patrols.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport / Head of Planning / Scrutiny
10 September 2014		
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 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
<p>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 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>	2014

<p>Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)</p> <p>Passenger Transport. Work to look at the re-commissioning of bus services, the use of the Transport Hub, and synergies with other service areas such as home to school transport.</p>
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Background / information reports available to the Committee (Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)		Date available
<p>Performance management</p> <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> <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>	<p>Every quarter</p>	

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