

Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: June 2014

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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
11 June 2014		
Highways verge cutting and weed spraying	A report on Highways verge cutting examining options for different maintenance regimes in rural areas.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport / Head of Highways
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.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.
Flood Risk Management Strategy	To receive on update report on the implementation of the Flood Risk Management Strategy to: 1) Draw together an overview of all the bodies involved in flood risk management; 2) Provide an update on the sustainable urban drainage approval role and; 3) Give feedback on the lessons learnt from the Letwin report on the winter flooding.	Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport / Head of Planning / 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.	Scrutiny/ Assistant Director Communities, Economy & Transport
19 November 2014		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources. The Committee will look in detail at the emerging portfolio plan and examine information requested at the meeting held in September.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.

Future committee agenda items		Witnesses
Further ahead		
March 2015	Dutch Elm Disease Strategy update. To review how well the 'prioritised approach' strategy, endorsed by scrutiny in March 2013, is working.	Assistant Director
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</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. The committee has commented on the Outline Business Case for the highways contract re-procurement and the report that went to Cabinet on the 22nd April 2014.</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> <p>Passenger Transport. The committee is taking part in a Members Advisory Group which has been established to examine the re-commissioning of bus services and the supported bus network. The Committee will look at the proposals for the public consultation exercise. Future work will also look at the use of the Transport Hub, and synergies with other service areas such as home to school transport.</p>		<p>2015</p> <p>2015</p>

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date to report
<p>Review of alternative funding for School Crossing Patrols An examination of alternative funding options for school crossing patrols looking at the specific issue of sponsorship, to find out what would work well and what would be acceptable in terms of commercial sponsorship. The possible lines of inquiry that have been identified are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine whether School Crossing Patrols could be replaced by a light controlled crossings e.g. Pelican or Puffin crossing • Develop an understanding the constraints in using sponsorship in terms of ESCC policy, advertising, and school attitudes towards funding. • Establish if there is a potential for commercial sponsors to fund School Crossing Patrols and what their requirements would be. • Explore whether there is merit in establishing a County wide framework for schools to use who are seeking sponsorship funding. E.g. pro forma agreements, advertising guidance, lists of sponsors to approach/guidance on how to go about securing sponsorship. 	<p>June 2014</p>

<p>Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)</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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