

# Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

Updated: August 2014

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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. 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 <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>10 September 2014</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 and savings plans as they emerge in December 2014.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.
Economic Development	A report outlining the work of the Economic Development team to provide an overview of activity and progress in this area.	Assistant Director, Economy.
Review of alternative funding for School Crossing Patrols	A report from the Scrutiny Review of alternative funding for School Crossing Patrols and in particular the use of commercial sponsorship,.	Scrutiny/ Assistant Director, Environment
Highways Contract Re-procurement	A report from the Scrutiny Committee Highways Contract Reference Group outlining the work they have undertaken to date and their involvement in next stages of the re-procurement project.	Scrutiny / Assistant Director, Operations
<b>19 November 2014</b>		
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.
Safer Streets	A report on the Safer Streets initiative led by the Public Health department and the links to the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) performance targets and wider road safety issues.	Public Health/Director Adult Social Care & Assistant Director, Environment / Road Safety Manager

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<b>18 March 2015</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources. The Committee will review their input into the RPP&R process, and make recommendations for improvements for the future RPP&R process.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.
Dutch Elm Disease Strategy	<u>Dutch Elm Disease Strategy update</u> . To review how well the 'prioritised approach' strategy, endorsed by scrutiny in March 2013, is working.	Assistant Director, Environment
<b>Further ahead</b>		

<b>Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway</b>	<b>Date to report</b>
<p><b>Highways contract re-procurement project</b> – this ongoing scrutiny project has been in existence for three 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 Reference Group 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 Reference Group has commented on the Outline Business Case for the highways contract re-procurement and the report that went to Cabinet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. The highways contract re-procurement Reference Group aims to bring a report to the main Scrutiny Committee in September 2014 outlining the work undertaken so far.</p> <p>The 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><b>September 2014</b></p> <p><b>2015</b></p>

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<p><b>Passenger Transport.</b> 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 results for the public consultation exercise and the strategic commissioning strategy for this service.</p> <p><b>Review of alternative funding for School Crossing Patrols</b>  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"> <li>• Examine whether School Crossing Patrols could be replaced by a light controlled crossings e.g. Pelican or Puffin crossing</li> <li>• Develop an understanding the constraints in using sponsorship in terms of ESCC policy, advertising, and school attitudes towards funding.</li> <li>• Establish if there is a potential for commercial sponsors to fund School Crossing Patrols and what their requirements would be.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 2014</b></p> <p><b>September 2014</b></p>

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)
<p><u>Hydraulic Fracturing or Fracking.</u>  As large areas of the High Weald have been identified as areas for potential future exploration, it is possible that the Council may be approached through it's planning responsibility. It is important that Councillors are well informed and have factual information about this issue.</p>

<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>Date available</b>
<b>Performance management</b>	<p>Performance monitoring is 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>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>	Every quarter

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