

# Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

Updated: September 2016

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<b>Items that appear regularly at committee</b>	
The Council's <b>Forward Plan</b>	<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>
Committee work programme	<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><i>Future committee agenda items</i></b>		<b><i>Witnesses</i></b>
<b>9 November 2016</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources. The Committee will review information provided at September meeting and establish the RPPR Board to examine the Department's Portfolio Plan and budget for the 2017/18 financial year.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.
Waste PFI Contract	A report outlining the draft terms of reference for a possible best value review of the Waste Contract for consideration by the Committee.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport
<b>15 March 2017</b>		
Superfast Broadband	To agree the report of the Scrutiny Review Board on the Scrutiny Review of Superfast Broadband.	Chair of the Review Board
Dutch Elm Disease Strategy	Progress Report on the implementation of the Dutch Elm Disease strategy.	Environment Team Manager
Highways Maintenance Contract Monitoring	Update report on the implementation of the new contract with Costain CH2M.	Assistant Director, Operations / Contract Manager
Scrutiny Review of Highway Drainage	An update report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Highway Drainage.	Assistant Director, Operations & Contract Management
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its input into the RPPR process and suggest improvements to the process.	Scrutiny / Director of Communities, Economy & Transport.
<b>Further ahead</b>		
September 2017	Scrutiny Review of Highway Drainage. A twelve month update report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Review.	Assistant Director, Operations & Contract Management

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date to report
<p><u>Superfast Broadband</u> A Scrutiny Review Board was established at the 16 March 2016 Scrutiny Committee meeting to examine the provision of Superfast Broadband infrastructure through the Broadband Project which is being delivered by ESCC. Initial areas of inquiry include residents' expectations, communications and whether the roll out of the second contract will address residents' concerns about broadband speeds in the best way.</p> <p><u>Road Safety/Safer Streets</u> A joint Scrutiny Review Board meeting was held on 11 March 2016 to examine the proposals for a Public Health funded project to reduce road accidents (KSI's – Killed and Seriously Injured) and improve road safety. An update report on the delivery of the project will be brought to the Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2016.</p> <p><u>Countryside Access Strategic Commissioning Strategy</u> The report of the Review Board on the draft Countryside Access Commission Strategy was presented at the Council's Cabinet meeting held on 26 April 2016. Public consultation is taking place on the draft Countryside Access Strategy and a report to agree the Strategy will be presented to Cabinet in the Autumn. The Review Board may comment further on the proposed Strategy following the public consultation.</p> <p><u>Highways Contract Re-procurement Project</u> –The new contract commenced on 1 May 2016. The Scrutiny Committee will continue to be involved with the delivery of the new contract throughout the mobilisation and implementation stages of the contract. An update report will be presented to the Committee in March 2017.</p>	<p><b>March 2017</b></p> <p><b>September 2016</b></p> <p><b>Autumn 2016</b></p> <p><b>March 2017</b></p>

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)
<p><u>A27 Improvements</u> The department is in discussion with the Highways Agency and businesses about improvements to the A27 between Lewes and Polegate. The Council is lobbying for this section of road to be made into a dual carriageway and the Highways Agency is testing a number of options. A briefing report could be brought to the Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting to provide more detail on the proposals.</p>

#### Climate Change Adaption

The next statutory Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) will be published in 2017 and this will lead to an update of the National Adaptation Programme (NAP). The National Adaptation Programme currently describes a number of actions local authorities need to undertake. The Committee may request a report once the Climate Change Risk Assessment and revised National Adaptation Programme are published next year.

<b>Background / information reports available to the Committee</b> <b>(Items in this list appear on committee agendas when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)</b>		<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 Chair.</p>	Every quarter

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