

# Place Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

Updated: September 2018

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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 Member Services team or Committee Chair, 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>15 November 2018</b>		
Highways Grass Cutting Service	A report to examine the impact of the changes to the highways grass cutting frequencies, the public response, and whether any further changes are proposed in the light of feedback.	Dale Poore, Contract Manager, Highways/ Assistant Director, Operations
Emergency Planning	An update report on the work of the Emergency Planning Team to give the committee an understanding of the range and type of work undertaken by the Team	Team Manager – Emergency Planning / Head of Communities
Economic Development Team	A presentation of the current Economic Development activities to examine whether there are any areas of work for scrutiny involvement.	Richard Dawson, Head of Economic Development / Assistant Director, Economy
Transport for the South East (TfSE)	A report on the work to establish the Sub National Transport Body – Transport for the South East (TfSE) - to include what this means for transport in East Sussex and the potential benefits that it will bring.	Mark Valleley, Project Manager TfSE / Assistant Director, Economy
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	The Committee will examine any additional information requested at the September meeting and consider any updated RPPR information for 2019/10.	Scrutiny/Directors and Assistant Directors.
<b>March 2019</b>		
Libraries Strategic Commission Strategy (LSCS)	An update report on the implementation of the LSCS to examine how the changes to the service have been introduced and their impact on service users	Stephen Potter, Head of Customer and Library Services / Assistant Director, Communities
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	The Committee will review the RPPR process and their input into the process for 2019/10 and receive feedback on how scrutiny input has been reflected in final plans. Any issues arising can be reflected in the future committee work programme.	Scrutiny/Directors and Assistant Directors.
Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs	To discuss agree the report of the Review Board on the Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs	Chair of Review Board / Scrutiny

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Dutch Elm Disease (DED) Strategy.	To receive an update report on the sanitation programme to control the spread of Dutch Elm Disease in East Sussex.	Team Manager, Environment / Cambridge Study author
Climate Change Adaption	To receive an update report on the measures that have been put in place in response to 2017 national Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) and National Adaptation Programme (NAP).	Team Manager, Environment / Director of CET
<b>Further ahead</b>		
March or June 2019	<u>Scrutiny Review of Superfast Broadband.</u> Update monitoring report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review at the end of Contract 2 and commencement of Contract 3.	Assistant Director /Team Manager, Economic Development.

<b>Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway</b>	<b>Date to report</b>
<u>Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs</u> A review to examine whether the approach the Council is taking to highway repairs for pot holes, surfacing and blocked drainage infrastructure is the best approach and whether it represents value for money.	<b>March 2019</b>
<u>Scrutiny Review of School Travel Plans</u> Members of the Committee are undertaking work on the scope of a review to examine the effectiveness of School Travel Plans, which are commonly used to help mitigate the impact on residents of parents dropping their children off at schools by car, and to promote sustainable methods of transport and healthy/safe travel to schools.	<b>Initially September 2018</b>
<u>Countryside Access Strategy</u> The Committee has established a Scrutiny Review Board to consider the proposals for the transfer of management of countryside sites to other suitable organisations, prior to a decision by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment. This is part of the implementation of the Countryside Access Strategy agreed by Cabinet on 27 June 2017.	<b>December 2018</b>

**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**

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.  
In the performance reports, achievement against individual performance targets is assessed as either 'Red', 'Amber' or 'Green' ('RAG'):

- '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.

The 'Red' and 'Amber' indicators also include further commentary and the details of any proposed corrective action.

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 Member Services team or the Committee Chair.

Every quarter

**Stalled Sites Fund (formerly Catalysed Stalled Sites CaSS)**

An update briefing will be circulated to the Committee on this funding programme that aims to help progress the development of sites for housing and employment use within the County, which require further work or funding to establish their viability for development.

March / April 2019

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