

Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: March 2015

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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
18 March 2015		
Dutch Elm Disease Strategy	Dutch Elm Disease Strategy update. To review how well the 'prioritised approach' strategy, endorsed by scrutiny in March 2013, is working.	Assistant Director, Operations / Head of Environment.
Countryside Sites and Rights of Way Commissioning Project	A report on the commissioning project for the management of countryside sites and the services provided by the Rights of Way Team.	Assistant Director, Operations / Head of Transport & Operations Services.
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.
1 July 2015		
Scrutiny Review of School Crossing Patrol Alternative Funding	The six month update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the review.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport.
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 work of the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP).	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Road Safety Manager and Public Health.
30 September 2015		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources. The Committee will start looking at the Department's Portfolio Plan and budget setting process for the 2016/17 financial year and beyond.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.

Future committee agenda items		Witnesses
Further ahead		

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 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 Detailed Business Case (DBC) for the re-procurement of the Highways Contract was approved by the Council’s Cabinet on 16 December 2014. The Scrutiny reference group will continue to be involved with this project as it progresses through the various procurement stages.</p>	

<p>Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)</p>
<p><u>Economic Development</u> A detailed appraisal of the impact and overall effectiveness of the Rural Growth and Employment Fund (RuGEF), ESCC Capital Budget for Growth, and Regional Growth Fund (RGF) programmes, looking at how different businesses have benefitted and the effectiveness of the programme.</p>

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Superfast Broadband Project

A report on the progress of the Superfast Broadband project, examining take up and the next stages of the project.

A27 Improvements

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.

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 scrutiny team or committee Chairman.

Every quarter

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