

Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
Scrutiny Review of Procurement	A scrutiny review of Procurement which will focus on the Council's approach to Social Value measurement and buying local initiatives as part of procurement activity across the Council. The review is considering how Social Value can help achieve the Council's objectives including reducing carbon emissions and other climate change measures.	November 2022
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
Highways Maintenance	The Committee has agreed to form a scoping board to explore the topic of highways maintenance. The scoping board will examine previous scrutiny work in this area and review highways maintenance policies.	October 2022
Climate Change	The Committee has agreed to establishing a scoping board to examine the Council's countywide work on climate change, which could look at countywide actions and how the Council works with other organisations (e.g. District and Borough councils) on this issue.	October/November 2022
List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review or Reference Group Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Economic Development.	The Committee has expressed an interest in the Economic Development work of the Council and has requested two reports. One to examine the Team East Sussex Economy Recovery Plan discussed at the July meeting and another to explore how Economic Development Projects are selected and	

	developed. Following consideration of the reports the Committee may identify further scrutiny work in this area.	
Scrutiny Reference Groups		
Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates
Highways Contract Re-procurement	The Committee has re-formed the reference group to work alongside Officers on the next stages of the Highway Services Re-Procurement Project (HSRP). The reference group has received updates on the implementation of the procurement strategy.	Ongoing to May 2023
Local Transport Plan (LTP4) – Reference Group	The Committee has formed a Reference Group to work alongside officers on the development of the revised Local Transport Plan (LTP 4) focussing on sustainable transport issues.	1 Feb 2022 and then throughout 2022/23.
Climate Emergency Action Plan - update	The Council's corporate Climate Emergency Action Plan was developed to cover the initial period 2020–2022. The Committee formed a working group to work with Officers on an updated Action Plan and has held 3 meetings to date. Further meetings are planned for October.	July – October 2022
Reports for Information		
Subject	Detail	Proposed Date
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points.	The Committee agreed to request a briefing on plans to develop and implement EV charging infrastructure in East Sussex.	To be agreed
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.		

Future Committee Agenda Items		Author
24 November 2022		
Southern Water - sewage discharges	The Committee has requested an item on Southern Water's discharge of sewage into water courses and the sea in East Sussex, following a number of pollution incidents. The item will examine what action Southern Water is taking to reduce discharges and pollution incidents, and will seek a views from representatives from the Environment Agency and Ofwat who are the regulators.	Southern Water, Environment Agency, Ofwat
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 2023/24.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Scrutiny Review of Procurement	To consider and approve the report of the Review Board on the Scrutiny Review of Procurement: Social Value and Buying Local.	Chair of the Review Board / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Work Programme	To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports for future meetings • Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews • Items from the Forward Plan 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
28 March 2023		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	The Committee will review its input into the RPPR budget setting process, and the impact of any recommendations or comments made by the Committee.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Community Asset Transfers and Asset Use	An initial report to understand the current policies and processes for declaring assets surplus and offering them for community use through Community Asset Transfers (CAT).	Chief Operating Officer/Assistant Director, Property
Scrutiny Review of Road Markings	To receive the second update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Road Markings, including details of the work undertaken with additional expenditure in this area of work.	Assistant Director, Operations
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14 July 2023		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To commence the Committee's involvement with the RPPR process for 2024/25 by reviewing the information in the Quarter 4, end of financial year (2022/23) Council Monitoring report and the State of the County report.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
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26 September 2023		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To continue the Committee's work on the RPPR process for 2024/25, by reviewing Portfolio Plans and service based information.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
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23 November 2023		
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 2024/25.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
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Future Items – to be scheduled		Witnesses
Library & Information Service	An update report to outline the current service provision, progress against the Strategy, current challenges and priorities and any future developments for the Service.	Assistant Director Communities/ Head of Customer, Library and Registration Services

Environment Act, Food Waste	A report on the implications of the Environment Act for ESCC of the requirement to put in place a food waste collection service. The report to cover the implications for ESCC as the waste disposal authority and a presentation on the position and plans to deal with this requirement, including the models or facilities required to process the food waste and the opportunity for local composting/processing.	Assistant Director Operations/Head of Transport and Operational Services/Waste Team Manager
Electricity Grid Capacity	A report on the capacity and constraints of the electricity grid in East Sussex to accommodate Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure and other developments such as solar farms and new housing developments. Timescale to be agreed, dependent on agreement with potential witnesses UK Power Networks/electricity distributors.	UK Power Networks