

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 has considered policies and procedures in this area and how Social Value can help achieve the Council's objectives including reducing carbon emissions. The report of the Review Board will be presented at the 28 March 2023 Place Scrutiny Committee for approval.	March 2023
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
Highways Maintenance	The scoping board met on 6 February to examine previous scrutiny work in this area and discuss issues concerning highways maintenance policies and practices. It will submit a draft terms of reference for a scrutiny review to the 28 March Committee meeting for agreement.	6 February 2023
Scrutiny Involvement in Economic Development Project Processes	The Committee agreed to form a scoping board to examine the opportunities for scrutiny involvement in the different stages of economic development projects, including evaluating and learning lessons from projects where the Board consider there have been delivery issues.	To be agreed

List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review or Reference Group Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Climate Change	The Committee has agreed to establish a scoping board (subject to sufficient interest from Committee members) 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.	
Scrutiny Reference Groups		
Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates
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. It is taking part in a series of workshops on the development of the LTP4.	10 February 2023, 10 & 31 March, 27 April, 24 May and then in June and August 2023.
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/Witnesses
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
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
Rights of Way (RoW) Team	A presentation and report of the work of the RoW Team. This is to provide the Committee with an update on the current work, challenges, and future priorities of the Team.	Assistant Director Operations/Head of Transport and Operational Services/ Team Manager, RoW
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
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
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
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

Southern Water, combined sewer discharges and spills	An update report on Southern Water's work to reduce the use of storm water discharges and spills, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an update on the timescales for any East Sussex trials; • an update on the progress of investment to tackle the use of storm overflows and improve infrastructure with details of location, costs and timescales, including the Local Area Regional Plan; and • details of any improvements Southern Water have made in communications with the public on the issues involved, as the Committee agreed that this was not currently good enough. 	Representatives from Southern Water, the Environment Agency and Ofwat
Scrutiny Review of Road Markings	To receive an 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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Future Items – to be scheduled		Witnesses
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
Queensway Gateway Project	A report on the Queensway Gateway project, covering the current position regarding delivery of this project.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy / Head of Economic Development, Skills and Infrastructure