

Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: September 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>

<i>Future committee agenda items</i>		<i>Witnesses</i>
18 November 2015		
Strategic Infrastructure	A report on Strategic Infrastructure that will include strategic road, rail and IT infrastructure improvements. This will include an update on the Superfast Broadband project, examining take up and the next stages of the project. The Committee can then decide which areas that it would like to examine in more detail.	Assistant Director, Economy
Buy With Confidence Scheme	A report on the replacement of the Buy with Confidence scheme with an alternative approved contractor scheme. The report will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An update on the progress to replace the scheme; ○ An overview of the checks and balances that have been put in place to ensure the quality and reliability of the services provided by the chosen provider; and ○ An evaluation of the extent to which the new scheme is working effectively and the degree of public confidence in the new scheme. 	Assistant Director, Communities / Head of Communities
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 2016/17 financial year.	Director of Communities, Economy & Transport / Scrutiny.
16 March 2016		
15 June 2016		
14 September 2016		

<i>Future committee agenda items</i>		<i>Witnesses</i>
9 November 2016		
Further ahead		
March 2017	Dutch Elm Disease Strategy – Progress Report.	Environment Team Manager

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date to report
<u>Highways Drainage</u> The Committee will undertake a Scrutiny Review of gulley emptying and Highways drainage to examine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs and effectiveness for current arrangements for gulley emptying • To look at other Highways drainage arrangements (such as ditches and grips), how surface water is removed from the highway and where it goes. • The impact on road safety. 	To be agreed
<u>Rights of Way and Countryside Site Management Commissioning Strategy</u> A Scrutiny Review Board has been established to work alongside officers and provide input into the strategic commissioning process for the Rights of Way and Countryside Management service.	To be agreed
<u>Road Safety</u>	

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date to report
<p>The ETE Scrutiny Committee agreed to form a joint review board to examine the delivery of road safety interventions and their effectiveness in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in East Sussex. The board will consist of the following members of the ETE Scrutiny Committee: Councillors St. Pierre, Pursglove, Taylor and Stogdon, plus representatives from the ABVCS Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><u>Highways Contract Re-procurement Project</u> – 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>	

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)		
<p><u>Reformulated Supported Bus Network (RSBN)</u> It has been agreed to set up a small task and finish review board to examine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures that were put in place to offset the impact of the changes made to the supported bus network. The timescale for starting this review and agreed in March or April 2016 to allow sufficient time for the impacts of the reformulated supported bus network to become apparent.</p> <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>		
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	Performance monitoring is an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant	Every quarter

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management	<p>quarterly reports 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"> • '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. <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 Chairman.</p>	
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