Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
To be agreed.		
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
Speed Limit Policy	Following a debate at Full Council on 18 July 2023 it was suggested that the Place Scrutiny Committee might wish to consider this as a topic for a scrutiny review. The Committee notes speed limits and road safety are wide ranging issues and, after potholes, is the second most frequent issue that residents contact councillors about.	To be agreed
List of Suggested Potential I	Future Scrutiny Review or Reference Group Topics	
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Footway (Pavement) Maintenance	enance This topic was discussed as part of the Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management and the Review Board has suggested that the Committee may wish to carry out a scrutiny review on this topic. Some of the issues regarding additional investment in pavement maintenance may be similar to those examined as part of the pothole review.	
Highway Drainage	The Review Board who worked on the Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management has also suggested that the Committee may wish to carry out a scrutiny review on highway drainage. This topic has links to storm overflows, flood risk management and climate change mitigation measures.	

Climate Change	The Committee has agreed to consider scoping a review 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 and Work	king 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.	April/May 2024 and further dates to be agreed as required.
East Sussex Economic Growth Strategy (EGS) Reference Group	The Committee has agreed to form a reference group to provide scrutiny input into the development of the Strategy in response to the Committee's request to have scrutiny involvement in the development process for economic development projects, which will be guided by the Strategy. The membership of the reference group is councillors Chris Collier, Julie Hilton (Chair), Ian Hollidge, Paul Redstone and David Tutt.	6 March 2024.
Reports for Information/Brief	ings	
Subject	Detail	Proposed Date
Future Use of County Hall.	To receive a briefing on the work being undertaken on the future use of County Hall and the options that are being considered.	To be agreed
Increased Use of Artificial Intelligence.	For the committee to have a briefing or report on the increased use of AI, including what was happening currently, a risk analysis and the potential benefits (e.g. where AI could be used to gain efficiencies in areas such as process documentation).	To be agreed
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date

Place Scrutiny Committee Away Day.	Work planning Away Day to review the Committee's work programme and carry	September 2024
	out horizon scanning of potential scrutiny topics, changes and challenges facing	
	the Council where scrutiny input would be beneficial.	

Future Committee Ag Items	enda	Author/Witnesses
12 July 2024		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To commence the Committee's involvement with the RPPR process for 2025/26 by reviewing the information in the Quarter 4, end of financial year (2023/24) Council Monitoring report and the State of the County report.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Highway Maintenance Contract/Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management	To receive a report on the key performance indicators of the Highway maintenance contract, including the delivery of planned maintenance programmes to address road condition.	Assistant Director Operations / Highways Contract Manager
Work Programme	To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: Reports for future meetings Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews Items from the Forward Plan	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
23 September 2024		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To continue the Committee's work on the RPPR process for 2025/26, by reviewing Portfolio Plans and service based information.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Scrutiny Review of Procurement: Social Value and Buying Local	To receive the second update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Procurement: Social Value and Buying Local.	Chief Operating Officer / Director of Procurement / Head of Policy & Modernisation, Orbis
Work Programme	To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: Reports for future meetings Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews Items from the Forward Plan	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
28 November 2024		
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 2025/26.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser

Work Programme	To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: Reports for future meetings Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews Items from the Forward Plan	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
20 March 2025		
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
Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management	To receive the second update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management	Assistant Director, Operations / Highways Contract Manager
Work Programme	To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: Reports for future meetings Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews Items from the Forward Plan	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Future Items - to be sched	uled	Witnesses
Water Supply Issues and Future Demand Planning	To receive a report from South East Water on the actions they are taking to resolve the recent water supply issues in the north of the County and to hear from South East Water and Southern Water about their longer terms plans for supplying water to East Sussex residents and businesses.	Representatives from South East Water and Southern Water.
Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Flexi-Bus Service	The Committee requested a report on the new Flexi-Bus service, including an evaluation of the use and success of the service.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Operations
Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) Road Collisions	The Committee requested an update report on the effectiveness of the interventions that have been put in place to try and reduce the number of KSI collisions on the County's roads, and have an outline of the measures that other local authorities have put in place to tackle this issue.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Communities
Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).	To receive an update report on the LCWIP to understand what progress is being made and the update of the LCWIP that will be undertaken as part of the LTP policy review.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy
Flood Risk Management.	To receive a report on flood risk management outlining ESCC's role as the Lead Local Flood Authority and an overview of current work activity.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Operations

Climate Adaptation	To receive a report on the Council's climate adaptation work following the	Director of Communities
measures.	publication of the Government's new 5 year climate change adaptation strategy.	Economy and Transport /
		Assistant Director Economy