

Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
Speed Limit Policy	It has been agreed to undertake a scrutiny review of Speed Limit Policy following the consideration of initial information and evidence at a scoping board meeting held on 21 May 2024. The following committee members have indicated they wish to take part in this work: Councillors Beaver, Hollidge (chair), Hilton, Kirby-Green, Lunn, Murphy, Redstone and Wright.	November 2024
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
To be agreed		
List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review or Reference Group Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Footway (Pavement) Maintenance	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.	
Parking Policy	A potential review of parking policy examining how the Council manages highway space in relation to allowing vehicles to park on street including for Electric Vehicle charging; the rational for pricing and could it be revised (e.g. can parking policy influence or encourage to more Active Travel); how the Council uses any parking revenue surplus and how that can be used under 2004 Traffic Management Act to fund other transport measures in areas where public expect ESCC to deliver services or projects where the Council does not have funding.	
Scrutiny Reference and Working 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.	2 nd September 2024.
East Sussex Economic Growth Strategy (EGS) Reference Group	The Committee formed a reference group to provide scrutiny input into the development of the draft Strategy. The membership of the reference group comprised of councillors Chris Collier, Julie Hilton (Chair), Ian Hollidge, Paul Redstone, and David Tutt. Work on the draft EGS has been completed and the Reference Group may wish to comment on the implementation plan which will be developed later in the year.	To be agreed.
Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Working Group	The Committee has agreed to re-establish the CEAP Working Group to provide scrutiny input into the update of the corporate Climate Emergency Action Plan (the current Action Plan is due to expire in March 2025). Membership of the Working Group consists of Cllr Hilton, Cllr Hollidge, Cllr Redstone (Chair) and Cllr Tutt.	24 July, 28 August 2024, and a third date tbc
Reports for Information/Briefings		

Subject	Detail	Proposed Date
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).	November 2024
The Keep	A report or briefing on The Keep including information on who uses it, how the service works, what are the costs of the service and how it generates income, together with a site visit for committee members.	To be agreed
Funding bids and opportunities from Government	A report or briefing outlining how ESCC can work collaboratively with District and Borough councils in East Sussex to ensure funding allocated as part of Levelling Up and Town Deals etc. (managed by Government and the relevant District or Borough councils) improves Traffic Management, Movement and Access, Highway improvements and the Public Realm in these areas which are ESCC's responsibility.	To be confirmed
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 out horizon scanning of potential scrutiny topics, changes and challenges facing the Council where scrutiny input would be beneficial.	9 September 2024
Future Committee Agenda Items		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 at the end of year 1, including the delivery of planned maintenance programmes to address road condition, and an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management.	Assistant Director Operations / Highways Contract Manager

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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
Future Use of County Hall.	To receive a report on the work being undertaken on the future use of County Hall and the options that are being considered.	Chief Operating Officer / Assistant Director Property
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 Economy
Climate Adaptation measures.	To receive a report on the Council's climate adaptation work following the publication of the Government's new 5 year climate change adaptation strategy.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy
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28 November 2024		
Water Supply Future Demand Planning and Water Supply Issues	To receive a presentation from South East Water and Southern Water about their longer terms plans for supplying water to East Sussex residents and businesses, and hear from them about the actions they are taking to resolve recent water supply issues in the County.	Representatives from South East Water and Southern Water.
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
RPPR – Income from Fees and Charges	A report outlining financial information on the fees and charges income for the services within the remit of the Committee, the mechanisms for reviewing fees and charges to ensure they cover costs, and whether there are opportunities to use increases in fees and charges income to support service activity.	Chief Finance Officer / Chief Operating Officer / Director of Communities Economy and Transport.

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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
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
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Future Items – to be scheduled		Witnesses
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) and Active Travel Ratings.	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. The report is to include information on the Council's Active Travel Rating and what ESCC will have to do to move from the current rating of 1 towards achieving a higher rating of 2 or 3: Local authority active travel capability ratings (accessible version) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy