

## Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

| <b>Current Scrutiny Reviews</b>   |   |                                 |
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| <b>Title of Review</b>  | <b>Detail</b>   | <b>Proposed Completion Date</b> |
| Scrutiny Review of Speed Limit Policy   | Following a scoping board meeting the Committee has agreed to proceed with a Scrutiny Review of Speed Limit Policy. The review board is comprised of Councillors Beaver, Hilton, Hollidge (chair), Kirby-Green, Lunn, Murphy, Redstone and Wright. A terms of reference for the review has been agreed, which will be undertaken in 2 parts to allow for completion of work on the Local Transport Plan 4 which is linked to speed limit policy. A series of review board meetings are being held during September, October and November to consider evidence and hear from witnesses for part 1 of the review. | November 2024                   |
| <b>Initial Scoping Reviews</b>  |   |                                 |
| <b>Subject area for initial scoping</b>   | <b>Detail</b>   | <b>Proposed Dates</b>           |
| To be agreed  |   |                                 |
| <b>List of Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review or Reference Group Topics</b> |   |                                 |
| <b>Suggested Topic</b>  | <b>Detail</b>   |                                 |
| 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.   |                                 |

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| 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 rationale 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. |                            |
| <b>Scrutiny Reference and Working Groups</b>       |  |                            |
| <b>Reference Group Title</b>                       | <b>Subject Area</b>  | <b>Meetings Dates</b>      |
| 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 Lunn, Cllr Redstone (Chair) and Cllr Tutt. The Working Group held an initial meeting in July and will meet again in October and November.   | October and November 2024. |
| <b>Reports for Information/Briefings</b>           |  |                            |
| <b>Subject</b>                                     | <b>Detail</b>  | <b>Proposed Date</b>       |
| 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               |

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| 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  |
| <b>Training and Development</b>                             |  |  |
| <b>Title of Training/Briefing</b>                           | <b>Detail</b>  | <b>Proposed Date</b>   |
| 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.   | 10 October 2024  |
| <b>Future Committee Agenda Items</b>                        |  | <b>Author/Witnesses</b>  |
| <b>28 November 2024</b>                                     |  |  |
| 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. |
| Work Programme  | To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>   | Senior Scrutiny Adviser  |

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| <b>20 March 2025</b>   |  |   |
| 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                    |
| 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: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-active-travel-capability-ratings">Local authority active travel capability ratings (accessible version) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a> | Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy    |
| 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 |
| Work Programme   | To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>   | Senior Scrutiny Adviser   |
| <b>22 July 2025</b>  |  |   |
| Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)                             | To commence the Committee's involvement with the RPPR process for 2026/27 by reviewing the information in the Quarter 4, end of financial year (2024/25) Council Monitoring report and the State of the County report.   | Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser                                     |
| Highways Maintenance Contract  | To receive an update report on the key performance indicators of the Highways Maintenance Contract at the end of year 2 of the contract.   | Assistant Director Operations / Highways Contract Manager                     |
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| <b>29 September 2025</b>                             |   |  |
| Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) | To continue the Committee's work on the RPPR process for 2026/27, by considering any RPPR updates, reviewing service-based information and Portfolio Plans.   | Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser                                      |
| Work Programme                                       | To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>  | Senior Scrutiny Adviser  |
| <b>17 November 2025</b>                              |   |  |
| 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 2026/27.   | Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser                                      |
| Work Programme                                       | To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>  | Senior Scrutiny Adviser  |
| <b>19 March 2026</b>                                 |   |  |
| 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                                      |
| Work Programme                                       | To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>  | Senior Scrutiny Adviser  |
| <b>Future Items – to be scheduled</b>                |   | <b>Witnesses</b>   |
| 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 |