

Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
Scrutiny Review of Speed Limit Policy	Following a scoping board meeting the Committee has agreed to proceed with a Scrutiny Review of Local 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 and a series of review board meetings have been held during September, October and November to consider evidence and hear from witnesses. The report of the review board will be considered for agreement by the Place Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 28 November 2024.	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 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.	
Scrutiny Reference and Working Groups		
Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates
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 another in October. It will meet again November.	25 November 2024.
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 / December 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
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Training and Development

Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.	To be agreed.	

Future Committee Agenda Items		Author/Witnesses
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
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
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"> • Reports for future meetings • Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews • Items from the Forward Plan 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser

22 July 2025		
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
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
29 September 2025		
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"> • Reports for future meetings • Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews • Items from the Forward Plan 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
17 November 2025		
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"> • Reports for future meetings • Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews • Items from the Forward Plan 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser

19 March 2026		
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"> • Reports for future meetings • Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews • Items from the Forward Plan 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
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