

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
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.	
Local Speed Limit Policy – Part 2	Part 2 of the Scrutiny Review of Local Speed Limit Policy including: the work undertaken to review speed limits, their funding and cost; the role of speed limits in the context of the LTP4; the LTP4 prioritisation process and available resources; and the policy framework and budget allocation for 20mph limits and zones of other local authorities and the approaches they have taken to 20mph limits.	
Scrutiny Reference and Working Groups		
Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates
Asset Management Strategy Working Group	The Committee has established a Working Group to provide scrutiny input into the update of the corporate Asset Management Strategy. Membership of the Working Group consists of Cllr Hilton, Cllr Hollidge, Cllr Lunn, Cllr Murphy (Chair) and Cllr Redstone.	TBC summer 2025.
Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) Reference Group	The Committee agreed at the meeting held on 20 March 2025 to establish a Reference Group, together with members of the People Scrutiny Committee, to provide scrutiny input into the work on Devolution and Local Government Re-organisation (LGR). Membership of the Reference Group consists of all Place Scrutiny Committee members and People Scrutiny Committee members Cllr Cross, Cllr Geary, Cllr Howell and Cllr Pragnell.	23 July 2025, 11 September 2025
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).	Summer 2025
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	To be confirmed

	District or Borough councils) improves Traffic Management, Movement and Access, Highway improvements and the Public Realm in these areas which are ESCC's responsibility.	
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.	To be agreed.	
Future Committee Agenda Items		Author/Witnesses
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 / Scrutiny and Policy 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 	Scrutiny and Policy 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 / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
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.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy

Scrutiny Review of Local Speed Limit Policy	To receive the first update report on the implementation of the recommendation from the Scrutiny Review of Local Speed Limit Policy	Assistant Director Communities / Head of Communities
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 	Scrutiny and Policy 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 / Scrutiny and Policy 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 	Scrutiny and Policy 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 / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
Scrutiny Review of Local Speed Limit Policy	To receive the second update report on the implementation of the recommendation from the Scrutiny Review of Local Speed Limit Policy	Assistant Director Communities / Head of Communities
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 	Scrutiny and Policy 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