

## 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 which 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
Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Reference Group	The Committee has established a Reference Group, together with members of the People Scrutiny Committee, to provide scrutiny input into the work related to Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (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.	Next meeting: 23 July 2025
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 autumn 2025
Local Transport Plan 4 Reference Group	The Committee established a Reference Group to provide input into the development of the revised Local Transport Plan (LTP4) which was adopted by the Council in October 2024. The Committee agreed to re-form the Reference Group as relevant support documents and strategies of LTP4 were developed and a briefing meeting on the request assessment process has been requested by the department. Membership of the Reference Group consists of Cllr Beaver, Cllr Collier, Cllr Hilton, Cllr Hollidge, Cllr Lunn, Cllr Redstone (Chair), Cllr Shing and Cllr Tutt.	TBC August or 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/autumn 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 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>
Archaeology	The session will provide Members with an overview of how the Archaeology Team provides planning advice to all of the planning authorities in the county. To be held via Teams and open to all Members.	22 July 2025, 2-3pm
Balfour Beatty – Highways Innovation Day	Balfour Beatty is hosting an Innovation Drop-in Day dedicated to unveiling the latest innovative ideas and techniques in maintaining our network. To be held at Ringmer Depot and open to all Members.	23 July 2025, 10am-3pm (drop-in)
Food Waste	This session will focus on the introduction of food waste recycling and will explain how waste services will be changing in order to separate and compost food waste from April 2026 onwards. Other key aspects of the Environment Act will also be covered. To be held via Teams and open to all Members.	29 September 2025, 2-3pm
<b>Future Committee Agenda Items</b>		<b>Author/Witnesses</b>
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 recommendations 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"> <li>• Reports for future meetings</li> <li>• Scrutiny reviews and potential scrutiny reviews</li> <li>• Items from the Forward Plan</li> </ul>	Scrutiny and Policy 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 / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
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<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 / 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
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<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
Qualitative Approach to Social Value in Procurement	A report on the development and next steps in adopting a qualitative approach to Social Value in procurement, following a recommendation that this model is explored for procurement across the Council in the Committee's review report on the same topic. To be scheduled for autumn 2025.	Chief Operating Officer / Director of Procurement / Head of Policy & Modernisation, Orbis