

# Work Programme for Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

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<b>Items that appear regularly at committee</b>	
The Council's <a href="#">Forward Plan</a>	<p>The latest version of the Council's <a href="#">Forward Plan</a> is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the <a href="#">call-in</a> procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>
Committee work programme	<p>This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.</p>

<b>Future Committee agenda items</b>		<b>Author</b>
<b>16 March 2016</b>		
Strategic Infrastructure	Strategic road, rail and IT infrastructure improvements, including an update on the Superfast Broadband project, examining take up and the next stage of the project.	James Harris, Assistant Director, Economy
Buy with Confidence scheme	The replacement of the Buy With Confidence Scheme with an alternative approved contractor scheme.	Nick Skelton, Assistant Director Communities
Reformulated Supported Bus Network	A report to examine the effectiveness of the mitigation measures that were put in place to offset the impact of the changes made to the supported bus network	Karl Taylor, Assistant Director Operations
Scrutiny Review of Highway Drainage	Results of the Scrutiny Review Board into Highway Drainage	Martin Jenks, Senior Democratic Services Advisor
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2015/16	To consider the Committee input into the RPPR process for the 2016/17 financial year and recommend improvements to the process.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
<b>15 June 2016</b>		
Waste PFI Contract	A review of the operation of the Waste PFI contract including opportunities for changes in the contract to reduce costs.	Karl Taylor, Assistant Director Operations
<b>14 September 2016</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2015/16	The committee will start the process of examining the Department's Portfolio Plans and budget for the 2017/18 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive

<b>9 November 2016</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2015/16	To review information provided at September meeting and establish the RPPR Board to examine the Department's Portfolio Plan and budget for the 2017/18 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
<b>Further ahead</b>		
March 2017	Dutch Elm Disease Strategy Progress report	Andy Arnold, Environment Team Manager

## **Current Scrutiny Reviews and other work under way**

### **Highways Drainage**

The Committee will undertake a Scrutiny Review of gully emptying and Highways drainage to examine:

- The costs and effectiveness for current arrangements for gully emptying
- To look at other Highways drainage arrangements (such as ditches and grips), how surface water is removed from the highway and where it goes.

### **Rights of Way and Countryside Site Management Commissioning Strategy**

A Scrutiny Review Board has been established to work alongside officers and provide input into the strategic commissioning process for the Rights of Way and Countryside Management service.

### **Road Safety**

The ETE Scrutiny Committee agreed to form a joint review board to examine the delivery of road safety interventions and their effectiveness in reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in East Sussex. The board will consist of the following members of the ETE Scrutiny Committee: Councillors St. Pierre, Pursglove, Taylor and Stogdon, plus representatives from the ABVCS Scrutiny Committee.

**Highways Contract Re-procurement Project** – The award of the Highway Maintenance contract to Costain Ltd was agreed by the Council's Cabinet on 15 December 2015. The new contract commences on 1 May 2016. The Scrutiny reference group will continue to be involved with the delivery of the new contract throughout the mobilisation and implementation stages of the contract.

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