

## Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

<b>Current Scrutiny Reviews</b>		
<b>Title of Review</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Proposed Completion Date</b>
Street Works	The Committee has agreed to carry out a review of street works. The review will focus on network management and how the Council works with utility companies to minimise the impact of street works. The board agreed to undertake further scoping in November to refine the terms of reference of the review to ensure it is focused on the main areas where there are concerns about the approach to street works taken by utility companies. Membership: Councillors Hilton, Hollidge, Lunn, Murphy (Chair) and Redstone.	To report to March 2026 and July 2026 Committees
<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. Scoping may also explore verge cutting policy due to the impact on footway maintenance.	
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.	

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.
Queensway Gateway Road	The Committee have agreed to explore a scrutiny review to examine the construction of the Queensway Gateway Road in Hastings, to focus on issues since the point at which the Council took on responsibility for the completion of the scheme. Timing subject to the completion of works.
Scrutiny of major projects	A potential review topic to explore, understand and take forward learning of the role that scrutiny can play in the evaluation and assessment of major schemes and projects taking place in the county.

## 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, and Cllr Howell.	TBC
Exceat Bridge Reference Group	The committee is currently exploring the establishment of a Reference Group to scrutinise and provide input to the planning and oversight of the bridge replacement project before and during construction. Membership of the Reference Group consists of Cllr Murphy, Cllr Redstone (Chair), Cllr Stephen Shing, and Cllr Wright.	20 April 2026
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. Future work subject to LGR developments. Membership of the Working Group consists of Cllr Hilton, Cllr Hollidge, Cllr Lunn, Cllr Murphy (Chair) and Cllr Redstone.	TBC Summer 2026
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. 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

Corporate Carbon Reduction target	The Committee has agreed to establish a Reference Group (joint with People Scrutiny) to consider the target and what it would take in terms of cost to meet it, as well as what impact resource constraints, local government reorganisation and the establishment of the Mayoral Combined County Authority would have on it. Membership of the Reference Group consists of Place Scrutiny Committee members Cllr Hilton, Cllr Redstone, Cllr Tutt and Cllr Wright and People Scrutiny Committee members Cllr Cross and Cllr Field.	19 March 2026, 9 April 2026
<b>Reports for Information</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Proposed Date</b>
Verge cutting	To receive a report for information on the Council's verge cutting policy and to understand opportunities for increasing verge cutting levels in areas of the county that do not have town or parish councils.	To be agreed.
<b>Briefings, Training and Development</b>		
<b>Title of Training/Briefing</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Proposed Date</b>
Government Road Safety Strategy	For the Committee to receive a briefing on the Government's New Road Safety Strategy due to be published in autumn, and any implications this may have for ESCC policies.	To be agreed
Trading Standards	A briefing on the work undertaken by the trading standards team to combat illicit trading of cigarettes and vapes, including through the use of recently acquired powers.	To be agreed
The Keep	A 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
Approach to consultation and engagement	A briefing on the Council's approach to public consultation and engagement and the process involved.	To be agreed

<b>Future Committee Agenda Items</b>		<b>Author/Witnesses</b>
<b>22 July 2026</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To commence the Committee's involvement with the RPPR process for 2027/28 by reviewing the information in the Quarter 4, end of financial year (2025/26) Council Monitoring report and the State of the County report.	Chief Executive / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
Scrutiny Review of Street Works	To receive the report of the Review Board on the Scrutiny Review of Street Works for approval and submission to Cabinet for comment and Full Council for agreement.	Chair of the Review Board / Review Board members
SPACES Programme and property asset disposal	To receive an update report on the work of the SPACES programme last reported to the Committee in March 2024, to include information on the Council's approach to property asset disposals, and an update on the proposed development on the LGR interim Asset Management Strategy.	Assistant Director Property / Chief Operating Officer
Highways maintenance contract	To receive an update report on the key performance indicators of the Highways Maintenance Contract.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Operations
Parking policies	A report covering a number of areas related to parking and parking policies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how the Council uses any parking revenue surplus;</li> <li>• pavement parking; and</li> <li>• the rationale for pricing and could it be revised (e.g. can parking policy influence or encourage to more Active Travel)</li> </ul>	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>	Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
<b>23 September 2026</b>		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	The Committee will examine any additional information requested at the July meeting and consider any updated RPPR information for 2027/28.	Chief Executive / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser

Strategic Highway Policies and Asset Management Plans, including highway drainage	For the Committee to receive a progress report on the updated strategic highways policies and asset management plans adopted following the Lead Member for Transport and Environment meeting on 8 September 2025. In particular to include an update on the Drainage Asset Management Plan and any identified issues or challenges.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Operations
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<b>30 November 2026</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 2027/28.	Chief Executive / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
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<b>16 March 2027</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 2027/28.	Chief Executive / Scrutiny and Policy Adviser
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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