

Work Programme for Economy, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
The Council's Forward Plan	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan 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 call-in 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>

Future Committee agenda items		Author
14 September 2016		
Joint Scrutiny Review of Road Safety	Joint Board of the ETE Scrutiny and Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committees to examine the delivery of road safety interventions and their effectiveness in reducing the number of killed or seriously injured (KSI) in East Sussex	Brian Banks, Team Manager - Road Safety
RPPR 2017/18 - September	The Committee will start the process of examining the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budgets for the 2017/18 financial year.	
9 November 2016		
Superfast Broadband	Scrutiny Review of Superfast Broadband	James Harris, Assistant Director, Economy
RPPR 2017/18 - November	The Committee will review information provided at September meeting and establish the RPPR Board to examine the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budgets for the 2017/18 financial year.	
15 March 2017		
Dutch Elm Disease Strategy	Progress report	Andy Arnold, Environment Team Manager
Highways Maintenance Contract - Monitoring	Update report on the implementation of the new contract with Costain CH2M	Karl Taylor, Assistant Director Operations
RPPR 2017/18 - March	To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its input into the RPPR process for	

	2017/18 and suggest improvements to the process.	
Current Scrutiny Reviews and other work underway		
<p><u>Superfast Broadband</u></p> <p>A Scrutiny Review Board was established at the 16 March 2016 Scrutiny Committee meeting to examine the provision of Superfast Broadband infrastructure through the Broadband Project which is being delivered by ESCC. Initial areas of inquiry include residents' expectations, communications and whether the roll out of the second contract will address residents' concerns about broadband speeds in the best way.</p> <p><u>Road Safety/Safer Streets</u></p> <p>A joint Scrutiny Review Board meeting was held on 11 March 2016 to examine the proposals for a Public Health funded project to reduce road accidents (KSI's – Killed and Seriously Injured) and improve road safety. An update report on the delivery of the project will be brought to the committee at its meeting on 14 September 2016.</p> <p><u>Countryside Access Strategic Commissioning Strategy</u></p> <p>A Scrutiny review Board was established to work alongside officers and provide input into the strategic commissioning process for the Rights of Way and Countryside Site management service. The report of the Review Board on the draft Countryside Access Commissioning Strategy was presented at the Council's Cabinet meeting on 26 April 2016.</p> <p><u>Highways Contract Re-procurement Project</u></p> <p>The award of the Highways Maintenance contract to Costain Ltd was agreed by the Council's Cabinet on 15 December 2015. The new contract commenced on 1 May 2016. The Scrutiny Committee will continue to be involved with the delivery of the new contract throughout the mobilisation and implementation stages of the contract.</p>	<p>November 2016</p> <p>September 2016</p> <p>April 2016</p> <p>March 2017</p>	
Potential future scrutiny work (proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)		
<p><u>A27 Improvements</u></p> <p>The department is in discussion with the Highways Agency and businesses about improvements to the A27 between Lewes and Polegate. The Council is lobbying for this section of road to be made into a dual carriageway and the Highways Agency is testing a number of options. A briefing report could be brought to the Scrutiny Committee to provide more details on the proposal.</p>		

Background/information reports available to the Committee		Date available
(items in this list appear on committee agenda when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)		
Performance Management	<p>Performance monitoring is an integral part of scrutiny. The committee is alerted to the relevant quarterly reports that Cabinet and Lead Members receive. Members can then suggest matters for scrutiny to investigate in more details.</p> <p>In the performance reports, achievement against individual performance targets is assessed as either 'Red', 'Amber' or 'Green' (RAG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green means that the performance measure is on target to be achieved • Amber means that there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year • Red means that the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable <p>The 'Red' and 'Amber' indicators also include further commentary and the details of any proposed corrective action.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items in the performance reports should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chair.</p>	Every quarter

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