

Place Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
Scrutiny Review of Pothole Management	<p>A scrutiny review of Pothole Management which will focus on the Council's approach to repairing potholes and other highway defects which may affect vulnerable road users. The aim of the review is to examine what more can be done to tackle the issue of potholes in roads, which has been a focus of concerns expressed by residents.</p> <p>The Review Board will be comprised of Councillors Matthew Beaver, Julia Hilton, Ian Hollidge (Chair), Eleanor Kirby-Green and Philip Lunn.</p>	November 2023
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	
Climate Change	The Committee has agreed to consider a 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.	

Scrutiny Reference and Working Groups

Reference Group Title	Subject Area	Meetings Dates
Local Transport Plan (LTP4) – Reference Group	The Committee has formed a Reference Group to work alongside officers on the development of the revised Local Transport Plan (LTP 4) focussing on sustainable transport issues. It is taking part in a series of workshops on the development of the LTP4.	19 July and 7 September 2023. Further dates to be agreed as required.
East Sussex Economic Growth Strategy	The Committee has agreed to form a reference group to provide scrutiny input into the development of the Strategy in response to the Committee’s request to have scrutiny involvement in the development process for economic development projects, which will be guided by the Strategy. The membership of the reference group and terms of reference is to be agreed.	Initially July/August 2023 and then during 2023 and early 2024.
Climate Change Working Group	The Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group will reconvene to consider and provide scrutiny input into the development of a carbon offsetting policy for the Council and an update of the corporate Environmental Policy.	July – August 2023

Reports for Information

Subject	Detail	Proposed Date
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points.	The Committee agreed to request a briefing on plans to develop and implement EV charging infrastructure in East Sussex.	To be agreed

Training and Development

Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
To be agreed.		

Future Committee Agenda Items		Author/Witnesses
14 July 2023		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To commence the Committee's involvement with the RPPR process for 2024/25 by reviewing the information in the Quarter 4, end of financial year (2022/23) Council Monitoring report and the State of the County report.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Library & Information Service	An update report to outline the current service provision, progress against the Strategy, current challenges and priorities and any future developments for the Service.	Assistant Director Communities/ Head of Customer, Library and Registration Services
Rights of Way (RoW) Team	A presentation and report of the work of the RoW Team. This is to provide the Committee with an update on the current work, challenges, and future priorities of the Team.	Assistant Director Operations/Head of Transport and Operational Services/ Team Manager, RoW
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 	Senior Scrutiny Adviser
26 September 2023		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To continue the Committee's work on the RPPR process for 2024/25, by reviewing Portfolio Plans and service based information.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser
Environment Act, Food Waste	To receive an update report on the implications of the Environment Act for ESCC of the requirement to put in place a food waste collection service.	Assistant Director Operations/Waste Team Manager
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23 November 2023		
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 2024/25.	Chief Executive / Senior Scrutiny Adviser

Southern Water, combined sewer discharges and spills	An update report on Southern Water's work to reduce the use of storm water discharges and spills, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an update on the timescales for any East Sussex trials; • an update on the progress of investment to tackle the use of storm overflows and improve infrastructure with details of location, costs and timescales, including the Local Area Regional Plan; and • details of any improvements Southern Water have made in communications with the public on the issues involved, as the Committee agreed that this was not currently good enough. 	Representatives from Southern Water, the Environment Agency and Ofwat
Scrutiny Review of Road Markings	To receive an update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Road Markings, including details of the work undertaken with additional expenditure in this area of work.	Assistant Director, Operations
SPACES Programme and Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy	To receive an update report on the work of the SPACES programme, including its successes and future focus, and a report back on the updated Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy.	Assistant Director Property / Chief Operating Officer
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Future Items – to be scheduled		Witnesses
Electricity Grid Capacity	A report on the capacity and constraints of the electricity grid in East Sussex to accommodate Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure and other developments such as solar farms and new housing developments. Timescale to be agreed, dependent on agreement with potential witnesses UK Power Networks/electricity distributors.	UK Power Networks
Queensway Gateway Project	A report on the Queensway Gateway project, covering the current position regarding delivery of this project.	Director of Communities Economy and Transport / Assistant Director Economy / Head of Economic Development, Skills and Infrastructure