

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 10 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *none*

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To review and determine Environment Scrutiny Committee's future work programme

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</b>	
<b>That:</b>	
<b>(A)</b>	the work programme shown in the report be agreed
<b>(B)</b>	a Task and Finish group be set up to undertake a review of the Planning Enforcement Policy in conjunction with the review of that service's Performance Indicators already commissioned.

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the Environment Scrutiny work programme are set out in **Essential Reference Paper "B"**.

2.0 Report

2.1 The draft agenda for 2015/16 meetings of Environment Scrutiny Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper "B"**. The timing of some items shown may have to change depending on availability of essential data (eg from central government).

2.2 Following agreement to make the Health and Wellbeing Panel into a full scrutiny committee, the Constitution has been updated to reflect this change in the authority's decision-making structure. The topic of 'fuel poverty' has been included within the remit of the new committee. This is a reminder that the report 'Fuel Poverty Strategy and Action Plan for East Herts' originally scheduled for this November Environment Scrutiny Committee will now be

presented to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny at their meeting on 8 December 2015.

- 2.3 The issue of off-street car parking Fees and Charges has been added to the committee agenda for the meeting in Feb 2016 as the fee setting for this function follows a separate timeframe to the services fees and charges being considered at Joint Scrutiny.
- 2.4 Members are asked whether there is any additional topic they wish to put forward for inclusion on any future agenda.
- 2.5 Members are also asked whether they wish to extend an invitation to one or more of the Executive members to attend a particular meeting or for a specific agenda item.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers: none

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