

Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme DRAFT 2016/17

2016/17	CIVIC YEAR			
meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
3 in 2016/17	08 Nov 2016	Report back from Climate Change action plan Task and Finish Group – AND	Chair of Task and Finish Group, Lead Officer with Head of Service NOTE: – cannot report earlier as Gov does not release carbon data until August	06 Dec 2016 07 Feb 2017
	Report deadline 26 Oct	Report on progress against (old) action plan with data on savings from 2015/16 year		
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		Work Programme	Scrutiny Officer	
JOINT SCRUTINY	17 Jan 2017	2017/18 Budget items		
JOINT SCRUTINY	14 Feb 2017	2017/18 – 2020/21 Service Plans NEW STYLE Q3 Performance Report (Nov - Dec 2016)		
4 in 2016/17	07 Mar 2017	Communicating with residents – reducing contamination and increasing recycling	Head of Service and Lead Officer	04 April 2017
	Report deadline	?		
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	22 Feb	Work Programme – planning for 2017/18	Scrutiny Officer	

The four principles of good public scrutiny:

- *provides ‘critical friend’ challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers*
- *enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities*
- *is carried out by ‘independent-minded governors’ who lead and own the scrutiny role*
- *drives improvement in public services*

Environment Scrutiny

1. To develop policy options and to review and scrutinise the policies of the Council relating to planning policy, local development framework, Building Control, Planning Enforcement, Development Management, Transport, parking, economic development, waste and recycling management, environmental standards, parks and open spaces, historic buildings and conservation, street scene, Climate Change and East Herts Strategic Partnership.
2. To make recommendations to the Executive on matters within the remit of the Committee.
3. To take evidence from interested groups and individuals and make recommendations to the Executive and Council for policy change on matters within the remit of the Committee.
4. To consider issues referred by the Executive, or members of the Committee and where the views of outsiders may contribute, take evidence and report to the Executive and Council on matters within the remit of the Committee.
5. To consider any item referred to the Committee by any Member of the Council who is not a member of this Committee and decide whether that item should be pursued on matters within the remit of the Committee.
6. To appoint annually Standing Panels as may be determined which shall be given a

brief to consider a specified service area relating to matters within the remit of the Committee and report back to the Committee on a regular basis as determined by the Committee.

7. To consider, should it choose to do so, any item within the remit of the Committee to be considered by the Executive (except items of urgent business). The relevant report to the Executive will be made available to the Scrutiny Committee. The Executive shall consider any report and recommendations on the item submitted by the Scrutiny Committee.

8. To consider matters referred to the Committee by the Executive/ Portfolio Holder on matters within the remit of the Committee and refer the matter to the Executive following consideration of the matter.