

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 7 MARCH 2017

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: none

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider the items on the Environment Scrutiny Committee's existing future work programme, in the context of proposed changes to the scrutiny committee system.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

That:

(A)	Issues for consideration within the current work programme for Environment Scrutiny Committee be included in the Scrutiny Committee Work plans proposed under the new system.
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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"**.
- 1.2 A report on the proposed changes to scrutiny was considered at the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14 February 2017 and changes to the way in which the Council undertakes scrutiny were recommended. These recommendations will be considered by Council on 1 March 2017 and, if agreed by Council, the changes will be implemented from 1 May 2017.
- 1.3 If the proposed changes to the scrutiny system are implemented, Members of each scrutiny committee will work together to devise their own work plan.
- 1.4 All Members are invited to attend training on 'Designing a Scrutiny Programme' on 30 March 2017 at 7pm.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 The existing draft work programme for meetings of Environment Scrutiny Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper “B”**. Members are asked to consider the outstanding topics drafted for 2017/18 and whether they recommend their inclusion in the Scrutiny Committee Work plans under the proposed new system.
- 2.2 Members are asked whether there is any additional topic they wish to put forward for future scrutiny. The scrutiny topic suggestion form is attached as **Essential Reference Paper “C”**.
- 2.3 Members are asked whether they have any training needs relevant to scrutiny.
- 2.4 Member comments and feedback have been included in the Scrutiny Review process, which has informed the proposed changes to the scrutiny arrangements. Members are also invited to submit any specific feedback on scrutiny work and outcomes in 2016/17, which will feed into the annual scrutiny report.

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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