

Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2011/12 and into 2012/13

Transport and Parking T and F commissioned and going ahead over summer/autumn 2011 and spring 2012.

Env Crimes T and F deferred as central gov has announced further changes to anti-social behaviour legislation which will impact on graffiti, dog fouling, fly tipping etc. Need to wait until outcome clearer.

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
NEXT	CIVIC YEAR			
Member Information	On-line from 21 Nov 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Proposed Service Options 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	17 Jan 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Budget items • Residents' survey results 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	14 Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Service Plans • 2011/12 Estimates and Future targets 		
2011/12 Meeting 4/4	13 Mar 2012 Report deadline 29 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (final) Report from Transport and Parking T and F • Climate Change – report on progress against action plan (2 years on) • Healthcheck through to Dec 2011 • Work Programme 2012/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T and F chairman (Cllr McAndrew) • Cliff Cardoza and David Thorogood • Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui 	22 May 2012

**Scrutiny Work Programme
Essential Reference Paper B**

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NEXT	CIVIC YEAR			
2012/13 Meeting 1/4	26 June 2012 Report deadline 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Reporting – Contract Performance 2011/12 • Service Plan monitoring – Oct 2012 to March 2012 • Healthcheck through to March 2012 (which includes relevant 2011/12 Out turns and 2012/13 Targets) • Work Programme 2012/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Langley • Head of Environmental Services • Lead Officer – Corporate Planning • Lead Officer - Performance • Scrutiny Officer 	10 July 2012 7 Aug 2012 4 Sept 2012
2012/13 Meeting 2/4	11 Sept 2012 Report deadline 29 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2007-12 (progress on old one and draft for new one) TBC • TBC • Healthcheck through to June 2012 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Environmental Services • X • Lead Officer - Performance • Scrutiny Officer 	9 Oct 2012 6 Nov 2012

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*

Currently within East Herts Council, the criteria for selecting issues:

For the Scrutiny Committee to select an issue to review, it must meet all of the following criteria:

- Of local, and preferably current, concern
- Linked to the council's corporate objectives
- Capable of being influenced by this committee
- Of manageable scope – focused rather than too wide ranging
- Of sufficient scope to warrant a scrutiny review – not something that can be easily fixed by meeting with the service provider
- Not being scrutinised elsewhere (eg another Scrutiny Committee)

At the last scrutiny evaluation there was a feeling, in the light of the current economic climate and limited resources, that there should also be some consideration given to

- areas where significant costs might be incurred or could be saved
- minimising the level of risk associated with the topic/issue
- the length of time since the topic was last reviewed.