

**Scrutiny work programme  
Essential Reference Paper B**

**Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme (provisional) 2012/13**

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
<b>THIS**</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
<b>Budget information</b>	During Dec 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013/14 Proposed Service Options</li> </ul>		
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	15 Jan 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013/14 Budget items</li> </ul>		
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	12 Feb 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2013/14 Service Plans</li> <li>• 2012/13 Estimates and 2013/14 Future targets</li> </ul>		
4 in 2012/13	26 Feb 2013  Report deadline 13 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Vacancy</i></li> <li>• Parks/Open Spaces strategy – 2012 onwards</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Jan 2013</li> <li>• Work Programme 2013/14</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>TBC</i></li> <li>• Lead Officer and Head of Service</li> <li>• Lead Officer - Performance</li> <li>• Scrutiny Officer</li> </ul>	5 March 2013 4 June 2013

**\*\*note: Env Crimes T&F** was deferred as central government announced further changes to anti-social behaviour legislation which would impact on graffiti, dog fouling, fly tipping etc. Need to wait until outcome clearer.

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<b>NEXT</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
1 in 2013/14	11 June 2013  Report deadline 29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Reporting – Contract Performance 2012/13 - to include any further progress on Env Quality action plan</li> <li>• Climate Change – report on progress against action plan with data on savings from 2012/13 year.</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to March 2013 (which includes relevant 2012/13 Out turns and Targets)</li> <li>• Service Plan monitoring – Oct 2012 to March 2013</li> <li>• Work Programme 2013/14</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Service</li> <li>• Lead Officer and Head of Service</li> <li>• Lead Officer - Performance</li> <li>• Lead Officer – Corporate Planning</li> <li>• Scrutiny Officer</li> </ul>	2 July 2013 6 August 2013 3 Sept 2013

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***

<p><b>Environment Scrutiny</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 Control, transport policy (concessionary fares and subsidised bus routes), Highways Partnership, parking and economic development, energy conservation, waste management, parks and open spaces, historic buildings, conservation – green agenda, Local Strategic Partnership and street scene.</li><li>2. To make recommendations to the Executive on matters within the remit of the Committee.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>7. To consider any item in the Forward Plan, within the remit of the Committee, to be considered by the Executive (except items of urgent business) before the item is considered by the Executive if requested by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. The relevant report to the Executive will be made available to the scrutiny committee.</li><li>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.</li></ol>
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