

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 10 JUNE 2014

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: none

Purpose/Summary of Report

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

That:

(A)	the work programme shown in this report be agreed
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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**.

2.0 Report

2.1 The draft agenda for 2014/15 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 (e.g. from central government).

2.2 Members are asked whether there is any additional topic they wish to put forward for inclusion on any future agenda.

2.3 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.

- 2.4 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act gained Royal Assent in March 2014. Once the impact and implications of the Act's provisions on current East Herts policies (covering Environmental Crime) have been fully assessed there will be the need for a review which scrutiny, possibly through a task and finish group, may wish to contribute to. If the committee agrees, Lead Officers will bring a briefing to Members on this matter to a future meeting and outline the potential scope of any review.
- 2.5 The issue of Grass Verge and Pavement Parking was originally raised by an earlier Transport and Parking Task and Finish Group. It is understood that the County Council maybe undertaking a review on this topic linked to their responsibility for Highways (still subject to confirmation). As district/borough councils would need to keep within any parameters they may set, it is recommended that we wait before undertaking any local review.
- 2.6 Ideas for scrutiny review were suggested through the scrutiny evaluation and topic planning exercise at the end of the last civic year. One idea submitted fell within the remit of this committee:
- Parking (in the context of payment methods and spaces): The current payment machines are coming towards the end of their serviceable life and much has changed with the available technology since they were installed. A service options appraisal on the next generation of car park management systems is already underway.

A separate piece of work is also underway to look at off-street parking capacity and designation in Bishop's Stortford. It is recommended that this topic is not considered until the results of these reports have been received and analysed.

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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