

Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme 2014/15

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
3 in 2014/15	11 Nov 2014 Report deadline 29 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW REQUEST: Impact of the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 on East Herts' Environmental Crime policies • ? • Work Programme • Service Plans monitoring Apr 2014 – Sept 2014 (Environment only) • Healthcheck through to Sept 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Service (and Lead Officer) • X • Scrutiny Officer • Lead Officer – Corporate Planning • Lead Officer - Performance 	2 Dec 2014 6 Jan 2015 3 Feb 2015
JOINT SCRUTINY	20 Jan 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015/16 Budget items 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	10 Feb 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015/16 Service Plans • 2014/15 Estimates and 2015/16 Future targets 		
4 in 2014/15	17 Feb 2015 Report deadline 4 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF COMMISSIONED: Review of changes to East Herts' Environmental Crime policies in the light of the new ASB, Crime and Policing Act • ? • ? • Healthcheck through to Jan 2015 • Work Programme – planning for 2015/16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X • X • Lead Officer - Performance • Scrutiny Officer 	3 Mar 2015

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***

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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.
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.