

Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2014/15

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	20 Jan 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015/16 Budget items</li> </ul>		
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	10 Feb 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015/16 Service Plans</li> <li>• 2014/15 Estimates and 2015/16 Future targets</li> </ul>		
4 in 2014/15	17 Feb 2015  Report deadline 4 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IF COMMISSIONED</b> in Nov 2014: Review of changes to East Herts' Environmental Crime policies in the light of the new ASB, Crime and Policing Act</li> <li>• <b>NEW:</b> Fuel Poverty Action Plan for East Herts – supported by costed proposals in respect of grants for loft/cavity walls, take up of Green Deal and promoting Oil Clubs etc</li> <li>• <b>NEW:</b> Costed proposals for supporting community groups in respect of Community Energy projects</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Jan 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Service</li> <li>• Lead Officer and Manager (timing of this is very dependent on publication of government framework)</li> <li>• Lead Officer</li> <li>• Lead Officer - Performance</li> </ul>	3 Mar 2015 2 June 2015 TBC

**ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'B'**

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Programme – planning ahead for 2015/16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Officer</li> </ul>	
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**Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16 (TBC)**

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<b>2015/16</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
1 in 2015/16	09 June 2015 TBC  Report deadline 27 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Programme for 2015/16; discussion with new committee</li> <li>• Performance Reporting – Contract Performance 2014/15</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to March 2015 (which includes relevant 2014/15 Out turns and Targets)</li> <li>• Service Plan monitoring – Oct 2014 to March 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny Officer</li> <li>• Head of Service</li> <li>• Lead Officer - Performance</li> <li>• Lead Officer – Corporate Planning</li> </ul>	7 July 2015 4 Aug 2015 1 Sept 2015 TBC

**NOTE (subject to confirmation):** it is expected that there will be a 'new Member' induction training session on 'Parking' held immediately before Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9 June 2015. This briefing will be open to all Members.

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 Committee</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</li></ol>
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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.