

Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 (draft)

2015/16 meeting	Civic Year date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
1 in 2015/16 PARKING: Induction training to be held pre-Environment Scrutiny	09 June 2015 Report deadline 27 May	Work Programme for 2015/16 – discussion with new committee	Scrutiny Officer	7 July 2015 4 Aug 2015 1 Sept 2015
		Performance Reporting – Contract Performance 2014/15	Head of Service	
		Joint working on Waste and Street Cleansing with NHDC	Head of Service: this item must be here as going on to Exec 7 July 2015	
		Resident parking permit schemes – policy development	Requested at Exec on 3 Feb. Must be here as going to Exec 7 July 2015	
		Target setting for EHPI 2.1d Planning Enforcement – initial site inspections and 2.1e	Arose from Feb Joint Scrutiny as a request to look at the 75% target (+ 2.1e added at ENV Scrutiny 17 Feb)	
		Service Plan monitoring – Oct 2014 to March 2015 (Environment only)	Lead Officer – Corporate Planning	
		Healthcheck through to March 2015 (which includes relevant 2014/15 Out turns and Targets)	Lead Officer - Performance	
2 in 2015/16	08 Sept 2015 Report deadline 26 Aug	Car park management system retendering – developing the available options	Head of Service and lead officer: this item must be here as going on to Exec 6 Oct 2015	6 Oct 2015 3 Nov 2015
		Review of fees and charges relevant to ENV remit: calculations and levels	As agreed at JOINT Scrutiny	
		Review of changes to East Herts' Environmental Crime policies in the light of the new ASB, Crime and Policing Act	Head of Service (Item held over to this date to allow further legal guidance and case law to develop).	
		Work Programme	Scrutiny Officer	
		Healthcheck through to June 2015	Lead Officer - Performance	

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3 in 2015/16	10 Nov 2015 Report deadline 28 Oct	Climate Change – report on progress against action plan with data on savings from 2014/15 year	Lead Officer with Head of Service (Government data on carbon figures not released until late August)	1 Dec 2015 5 Jan 2016 2 Feb 2016
		Fuel Poverty Strategy and 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	Lead Officer and Service Manager (delayed to this date as publication of government framework held over until after the general election)	
		Work Programme	Scrutiny Officer	
		Service Plans monitoring Apr 2015 – Sept 2015 (Environment only)	Lead Officer – Corporate Planning	
		Healthcheck through to Sept 2015	Lead Officer - Performance	
JOINT SCRUTINY	19 Jan 2016	BUDGET Report(s)		
JOINT SCRUTINY	09 Feb 2016	2016/17 Service Plans 2015/16 Performance Indicator Estimates and 2016/17 Future targets		
4 in 2015/16	23 Feb 2016 Report deadline 10 Feb	Report from the Conservation Champion Reference Groups on progress and problems relating to Conservation Area management plans.	TBC	8 Mar 2016 5 Apr 2016 TBC
		Report on the study of Pavement and Grass Verge Parking – policy implications	Lead Officer (+graduate trainee)	
		Community Energy	Item agreed at Feb 2015 meeting	
		Healthcheck through to Dec 2015	Lead Officer - Performance	
		Work Programme – planning for 2016/17	Scrutiny Officer	



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.