

**Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 (draft)**

2015/16 meeting	Civic Year date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
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
		Community Energy in East Herts	Lead Officer – item requested at Feb 2015 meeting	
		<del>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</del>	<i>Topic now under the remit of the new Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – rescheduled to go to them on 8 Dec 2015</i>	
		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	
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	19 Jan 2016	<b>BUDGET Report(s)</b>		
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	09 Feb 2016	<b>2016/17 Service Plans 2015/16 Performance Indicator Estimates and 2016/17 Future targets</b>		
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.	Lead Officer, Head of Service and members	8 Mar 2016 5 Apr 2016 TBC
		Report on the study of Pavement and Grass Verge Parking – policy implications	Lead Officer (+graduate management trainee)	
		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***

**Environment Scrutiny**

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.