

Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 (DRAFT)

2015/16 meeting	CIVIC YEAR date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
Meeting 3/4 in 2015/16	17 Nov 2015 TBC	Report back from the member/officer group re meetings with all Registered Providers with properties in EH	Lead = Simon Drinkwater	1 Dec 2015 5 Jan 2016 2 Feb 2016 8 Mar 2016
	Report deadline 4 Nov	East Herts Housing Strategy 2016 – 2019	Housing Strategy and Development Manager + Manager of Housing Services	
		Review of Empty Homes Strategy and action plan	Empty Homes Officer + Environmental Health Manager (Residential)	
		Work programme	Scrutiny Officer	
		Service Plans monitoring Apr 2015 – Sept 2015 (Community 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		
Meeting 4/4 in 2015/16	15 Mar 2016	Leisure Contract – year 7	Head of Service and lead officer + SLM	5 April 2016
	Report deadline 2 Mar	A 'crime and disorder' item needs to go in here (if one has not been presented earlier in the year)	Head of Service	
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		Healthcheck through to Jan 2016	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

Community Scrutiny

1. To develop policy options and to review performance and scrutinise the policies of the Council relating to Licensing, Environmental Health, Crime and Disorder Reduction, Emergency Planning, Community Development, young people, Leisure, sport, arts, markets, diversity, grants, frontline Councillor engagement, valuing people, housing strategy, private sector housing, disabled facility grants, houses in multiple occupation, housing options, community meals, citizens’ advice, benefits, Local Strategic Partnership and health scrutiny.
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 and review the performance of outside bodies 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.