

**AGENDA ITEM 10
ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B**

Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme 2010/11 (and start of 2011/12)

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
THIS	CIVIC YEAR			
BUDGET CONSULTATION ON LINE	Open from 1 to 26 Nov 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Service Options covering all committee remits 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	18 Jan 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/12 Budget 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	15 Feb 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/12 Service Plans • 2010/11 Estimates and Future targets 		
2010/11 Meeting 4/4	15 Mar 2011 Report deadline 3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Herts Transport & Parking Strategy report • Climate Change –progress against action plan (1 year on) • Healthcheck through to Jan 2011 • Work Programme 2011/12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Pulham • Cliff Cardoza and David Thorogood • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	5 April 2011 24 May 2011
NEXT	CIVIC YEAR			
2011/12 Meeting 1/4	7 June 2011 Report deadline 25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Reporting – Contract Performance 2010/11 • Environmental Quality – report on progress against action plan (tbc) • Healthcheck through to April 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Cardoza • Cliff Cardoza • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	5 July 2011 9 Aug 2011 6 Sept 2011
2011/12 Meeting 2/4	13 Sept 2011 Report deadline 31 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the Planning Enforcement task and finish group – 1 year on (tbc) • Healthcheck through to July 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Steptoe and Chairman • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	11 Oct 2011 8 Nov 2011

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*

Currently within East Herts Council, the criteria for selecting issues:

For the Scrutiny Committee to select an issue to review, it must meet all of the following criteria:

- Of local, and preferably current, concern
- Linked to the council's corporate objectives
- Capable of being influenced by this committee
- Of manageable scope – focused rather than too wide ranging
- Of sufficient scope to warrant a scrutiny review – not something that can be easily fixed by meeting with the service provider
- Not being scrutinised elsewhere (eg another Scrutiny Committee)