

Environment Scrutiny Committee work programme 2011/12

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
NEXT	CIVIC YEAR	Still to be scheduled: TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T&F Environmental Crime • T&F Transport and Parking 		
2011/12 Meeting 2/4	13 Sept 2011 Report deadline 31 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the Planning Enforcement task and finish group – 1 year on • MTFP items chosen last meeting for more detailed discussion • Parks and Open Spaces (update on current development prog - including Playgrounds and any S106 funded work) • Healthcheck through to June 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Steptoe and Chairman • Alan Madin • Cliff Cardoza/Ian Sharratt • Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui • Marian Langley 	11 Oct 2011 8 Nov 2011
2011/12 Meeting 3/4	15 Nov 2011 Report deadline 2 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Plans monitoring Apr 2011 – Sept 2011 (Environment only) • Healthcheck through to Aug 2011 • Work Programme • <i>(space here for T&F scope/reports)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lois Prior/Dave Cooper • Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui • Marian Langley 	6 Dec 2011 10 Jan 2012
Member Consultation	On-line during Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Proposed Service Options 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	17 Jan 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Budget items • Residents' Survey - results 		7 Feb 2012
JOINT SCRUTINY	14 Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Service Plans • 2011/12 Estimates and Future targets 		6 Mar 2012
2011/12 Meeting 4/4	13 Mar 2012 Report deadline 29 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change – report on progress against action plan (2 year on) • Healthcheck through to Dec 2011 • Work Programme 2012/13 • <i>(space for T&F reporting)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliff Cardoza and David Thorogood • Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui • Marian Langley 	22 May 2012

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)

At the last scrutiny evaluation there was a feeling, in the light of the current economic climate and limited resources, that there should also be some consideration given to

- areas where significant costs might be incurred or could be saved
- minimising the level of risk associated with the topic/issue
- the length of time since the topic was last reviewed.