

External Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

The External Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled or extraordinary Committee meetings, task group, events and through use of the 'rapporteur' model.

The items on the work programme are determined by the Committee following the work programming session at the start of the municipal year in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees terms of reference detailed in the County Council's Constitution. This includes provision for the rights of County Councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the Committee or to call-in decisions.

Coordination of the work programme activity is undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Chair of all of the Scrutiny Committees to avoid potential duplication.

In addition to the terms of reference outlined in the [Constitution](#) (Part 2 Article 5) for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the External Scrutiny Committee will:

1. Review and scrutinise issues, services or activities carried out by external organisations including public bodies, the voluntary and private sectors, partnerships and traded services which affect Lancashire or its inhabitants, and to make recommendations to the Full Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committees or external organisations as appropriate.
2. Review and scrutinise the operation of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership in Lancashire in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 and make reports and recommendations to the responsible bodies as appropriate
3. In connection with 2. above, to require an officer or employee of any of the responsible bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions
4. Co-opt additional members in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 if required, and to determine whether those co-opted members should be voting or non-voting
5. Review and scrutinise the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area

The Work Programme will be submitted to and agreed by the Scrutiny Committees at each meeting and will be published with each agenda.

The dates are indicative of when the External Scrutiny Committee will review the item, however they may need to be rescheduled and new items added as required.

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose (objectives, evidence, initial outcomes)	Initial Scrutiny Method	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
Flood Risk Management	Partnership working	Committee	United Utilities	4 June 2018	<p>The report be noted;</p> <p>The External Scrutiny Committee writes to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to reconsider making water companies a statutory consultee on all planning applications; and</p> <p>Natural flood risk management be added to the External Scrutiny Committee's work programme for 2018/19.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>
Community Safety Partnerships	Lancashire Community Safety Agreement - Either; 1. Prevent;	Committee	LCC	16 October 2018	All County Councillors be urged to undertake	To be considered by the Member Development

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	<p>2. Serious Harm Reduction Strategy;</p> <p>3. Pan-Lancashire Domestic Abuse Strategy; or</p> <p>4. Towards Zero Lancashire: Road Safety Strategy for Lancashire.</p>				<p>Prevent Duty training; and</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services consider the allocation of a small budget to fund Prevent Duty project work.</p>	<p>Working Group 30 January 2019</p> <p>Response due by 18 December 2018</p>
Community Safety Partnerships	Strategic Assessment – overview report	Committee	Debbie Thompson and Clare Platt, LCC	5 March 2019		
Electricity North West	Powering the North West's Future and Community and Local Energy Strategy (Sustainability and vulnerable customers)	Committee	Helen Norris, Mike Taylor, Jo Crinson and Jonathan Booth.	5 March 2019		
Non-crime*	Overview of the issues identified as non-crime	Committee	Clive Grunshaw, Police and Crime Commissioner, Angela Harrison	tbc		
Transport for the North (TfN)	<p>1. Revised Strategic Transport Plan (STP)</p> <p>2. Investment Programme</p>	Committee	Robin Miller-Stott, Jonathan Spruce and Owen Wilson, TfN (and delivery partners – Highways England, HS2, Network Rail?)	16 April 2019		

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	3. Central Pennines Corridor					
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	Transition to Independence	Committee	Richard Kenny	16 July 2019?		
LCC Internal Energy and Water Management Policy	Policy development	Committee	Denise Jepson, LCC, Electricity North West, Lancashire Renewables (CEO), Npower, Total Gas and Power, Heat network	16 July 2019		
Task and finish groups						
Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness in Lancashire	to bring together the expertise of all flood risk management authorities, local flood and emergency response groups, and residents to better understand how the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority and all other flood risk management authorities can better support residents to: - be prepared for flooding;	Task and finish group	LCC, Environment Agency, United Utilities, Flood action groups	Task and finish group report presented at 15 October 2019 meeting		

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	- respond to flooding; - recover from flooding; and - understand what we can do together to reduce flood risk.					
Rapporteurs						
Advanced Manufacturing	Impact of Brexit	Rapporteur (CC C Crompton)	North West Aerospace Alliance, BAE, UCLAN Engineering Innovation Centre (EIC)	-		
Homes England	Unlocking brownfield sites across Lancashire	Rapporteur (CC A Ali)	Homes England	-		
Universal Credit	Bite size briefing: Universal Credit full service roll out in Lancashire	Rapporteur (CC G Oliver)	Joanne Barker, Welfare Rights Manager, Health, Equity, Welfare and Partnerships, LCC	5 March 2019		
Completed						
Governance of Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Lancashire	Formulate recommendations on the local business plan and respond to public consultation	Committee	Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Brigades Union, Chair of Lancashire Fire Authority	July/Sept (extraordinary meeting tbc)	N/A	Complete – no longer proceeding with changes to fire governance at this time

Future meeting dates

2019/20 – 16 July; 15 October; 21 January 2020; and 21 April. **Work planning session May 2019?**

Additional suggestions/organisations:

- Flood Risk Management - partnership working and the Environment Agency (2019)
- Scrutiny Inquiry Day on Natural Flood Risk Management
- Co-ordination of roadworks across Lancashire – LCC, utility companies and housing developers
- Lancashire Energy HQ, Natural Energy Wyre, Halite Energy, Ecotricity, [Future Biogas](#)