

External Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

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.

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Topic	Scrutiny Purpose (objectives, evidence, initial outcomes)	Initial Scrutiny Method	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
low carbon energy theme throughout 2019/20						
Electricity North West	Leading the Way to Zero Carbon	Committee	Helen Norris, Helen Boyle, and Mike Taylor, ENW	16 July 2019	See LCC website	Response to 1, 2 and 5 received on 15 October 2019. 3 and 4 in progress. Rapporteur report for 6 presented at 15 October meeting.
Electricity North West	Vulnerable Customers and the priority services register	Committee	Helen Norris, Jo Crinson and Jill Hendry, ENW	15 October 2019	See LCC website	In progress

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Universal Credit	Learning lessons from lived experiences of Universal Credit	Committee	Professor Lisa Scullion (Separate meeting to be arranged between Chair of the Committee and Department for Work and Pensions – date tbc)	21 January 2020		
Lancashire Renewables Ltd	Energy from waste	Committee	Paul Brindle, General Manager, Lancashire Renewables and Steve Scott, Head of Waste Management, LCC	21 January 2020		
Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness in Lancashire	Task and finish group report	Committee	CC Matthew Salter and Gary Halsall, LCC	21 January 2020		
Universal Credit	Dealing with people in Lancashire (https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/economy/income-earnings-and-benefits/universal-credit/)	Committee	Joanne Barker, Welfare Rights Manager, LCC	25 February/21 April 2020 - tbc		

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Lancashire Energy Strategy	Activities arising from the key findings of the Strategy	Committee	Chair of LEP, Andy Walker, LCC	25 February/21 April 2020 - tbc		
Community Safety Partnerships	Outcome of the review of Community Safety Partnerships and Governance Arrangements	Committee	Debbie Thompson and Clare Platt, LCC	25 February/21 April 2020 - tbc		
Lancashire Energy HQ	Education and training	Committee	Bev Robinson, Principal and Chief Executive	25 February/21 April 2020 - tbc		
United Utilities	Renewable energy - biogas, solar panels, hydro- and wind turbines on water and wastewater sites across the North West/Lancashire.	Committee	Chris Matthews (tbc), United Utilities	25 February/21 April 2020 - tbc		
Task and finish groups						

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Strengthening flood risk management and preparedness in Lancashire	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be prepared for flooding; - respond to flooding; - recover from flooding; and - understand what we can do together to reduce flood risk. 	Task and finish group	LCC, Environment Agency, United Utilities, Flood action groups	<p>Task and finish group report presented at 21 January 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Awaiting written response from Cabinet Members.</p>	See report	
Rapporteurs						
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	Report circulated to Committee in March 2019. Invite representative from DwP to present on dealing with people in Lancashire	In progress
Low Carbon and the Lancashire	To determine how the Lancashire Energy Strategy can be progressed.	Rapporteur (CC E Nash)	Andy Walker, Economic Development Service,	16 July 2019	-	Completed

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Energy Strategy	Low carbon technology and legislation		LCC and Electricity North West CC Ed Nash	15 October 2019		Completed

Other topics to be scheduled:

- Co-ordination of roadworks across Lancashire – LCC, utility companies and housing developers
- Quality of works/repairs on highways by utility companies
- Natural Energy Wyre, Halite Energy, Ecotricity, [Future Biogas](#)
- Follow the council pound (Rachel Tanner Head of Procurement)
- HS2
- Greater Lancashire Plan (Richard Kenny)

NB:

- Outcome of the trans-pennine road study by Highways England to be reported to Internal Scrutiny Committee (Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor, LCC)
- Green Summit – tbc
- LCC Carbon Plan/Internal Energy and Water Management Policy - Policy development and energy performance of LCC buildings (Denise Jepson, Energy Team Manager, LCC, Electricity North West, Lancashire Renewables (CEO), Npower, Total Gas and Power, Heat network) – 14 July 2020 tbc