

External Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

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)	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Date(s)
Community Safety Partnerships – Lancashire Strategic Assessment 2022-2025	Review the key themes within the Strategic Assessment, as the main elements that will feature in the Community Safety Agreement	Debbie Thompson, LCC	29 November 2021
Supporting Lancashire Businesses during COVID-19	Review of the funding made available from Government and to identify lessons learned to help inform recommendations for future joint working with District Councils	CC Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, Andy Walker, LCC	
Universal Credit in Lancashire	Update from LCC Welfare Rights Service on the implications on county council frontline services and budgets.	LCC and DWP representatives	11 January 2022
Electricity North West	Response to Storm Arwen	ENW representatives	
Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness	Progress report on agreed actions arising from recommendations of scrutiny task and finish group review.	Rachel Crompton and Laura Makeating, Flood Risk Managers, LCC and CC Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	1 March 2022
Community Safety Agreement 2022-25	Review the proposed agreement for 2022-2025	Debbie Thompson, LCC	12 April 2022

Topics to be scheduled at the request of the committee:

- Universal Credit in Lancashire – Welfare Rights Services
- Electricity North West – Storm Arwen review outcomes

Topics for potential inclusion on the programme:

- Transport for the North – infrastructure and routes
- Decarbonisation in Lancashire
- Road Safety Partnership (Community Safety Partnerships) - Review of strategy/policy and preparations for the new changes to the Highway Code
- Greater Lancashire Plan
- HS2