

Internal Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

The Internal Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled Committee meetings, task group, events, training 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 Councils 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 Internal Scrutiny Committee will:

- Determine which Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers a matter where this is not clear.
- Receive for approval requests from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees to establish task groups and/or other working groups
- Receive for approval requests from the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees to establish as necessary joint working arrangements with district councils and other neighbouring authorities
- Review and scrutinise all services provided by the authority, unless specifically covered by the terms of reference of another Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Consider matters relating to the general effectiveness and development of Overview and Scrutiny in the authority including training for County Councillors and Co-optees
- Recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to a Committee persons with appropriate expertise, without voting rights
- Establish arrangements for the scrutiny of member development, and receive reports from the Member Development Working Group

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 Internal 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)
Appointment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee between 4 local authorities	To agree the appointment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee between the local authorities of Lancashire, Sefton, Knowsley and Liverpool to reconfigure stroke services across the North Mersey area. The proposal will affect residents of the West Lancashire area.	LCC Gary Halsall, Senior Democratic Services Officer	10 September 2021
Update from Budget Scrutiny Review Panel	To receive a general update from the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel	LCC Misbah Mahmood, Senior Democratic Services Officer	10 September 2021
Regulatory of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Annual Report	To provide an annual update to the committee.	LCC Chris Wilkinson, Trading Standards Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services	10 September 2021
Drainage issues in general	Requests have been received to look at general drainage issues in Lancashire and the policies around drains.	LCC Highways Department Phil Durnell, Director of Highways Service John Davies, Head of Service, Highways Ridwan Musa, Operations Manager	12 November 2021
Winter Maintenance – Highways	Annual update on Winter Maintenance.	LCC Highways Department Phil Durnell, Director of Highways Service John Davies, Head of Service, Highways Ridwan Musa, Operations Manager	12 November 2021
Quality of Highway Repairs	To review the standard of highway repairs carried out by external organisations and contractors.	LCC Highways Department Phil Durnell, Director of Highways Service John Davies, Head of Service, Highways Ridwan Musa, Operations Manager	12 November 2021

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Income Generation and Commercialisation Strategy	Update to committee on progress of recommendations from the Income Generation Task Group report and an update on the Commercialisation Strategy.	Ajay Sethi, Head of Commercialisation Members of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel to be invited to attend/observe this item due to an interest in this topic from panel members.	21 January 2022
Public Realm Agreements	Consideration of Public Realm Agreements, who is responsible for what and the financial elements involved. Following an update/discussion on this item Members of the committee to decide whether a Task and Finish Group is required.	LCC Highways Department Phil Durnell, Director of Highways Service John Davies, Head of Service, Highways Ridwan Musa, Operations Manager Members of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel to be invited to attend/observe this item due to an interest in this topic from panel members.	21 January 2022
Update from Budget Scrutiny Review Panel	To receive a general update from the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel following their November meeting.	LCC Senior Democratic Services Officer	21 January 2022
The Levelling Up Fund	To consider the following points of discussion in order to try and get funding to Lancashire from the Government for regeneration of high streets and transport in the next funding round: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of the Fund and its aims - Submitting a bid - Priorities for Lancashire 	LCC John Davies, Head of Service, Highways Phil Durnell, Director of Highways Service Bite Size Briefing also being arranged in due course.	4 March 22
Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles	Following improvements to range etc, LCC has now procured its first electric vehicles (small vans).	LCC Oliver Starkey, Head of Service, Public and Integrated Transport	4 March 22

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	<p>No new petrol or diesels cars will be available from 2030. Issues remain regarding suitability of current designs for county council activities, but these are diminishing as designs improve. Charging issues too.</p> <p>Capital purchase cost of vehicles is substantially greater but whole-life costs more equivalent</p> <p>Currently technology for large vehicles isn't in place.</p>	Phil Durnell, Director of Highways	
Update from Budget Scrutiny Review Panel	To receive a general update from the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel following their January meeting.	LCC Senior Democratic Services Officer	4 March 2022
Economic and Social recovery post Covid and the way forward.	<p>Being the second largest economy in NW, Lancashire hit hard on three fronts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - under some form of restriction for majority of pandemic; AND - business sectors hardest hit are Lancashire's key sectors, manufacturing, hospitality, retail; AND - Impacts of a global health crisis exacerbated in significant areas of existing inequality and deprivation. <p>A recovery framework was devised in June 2020 and a new strategic vision has been developed in the Greater Lancashire Plan.</p>	LCC Stephen Young, Executive Director Growth, Environment, Transport & Community Services.	22 April 2022

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Update on Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire	An update report on the ongoing work to reduce single use plastics within the county council and the development of a strategy to make LCC a SUP free authority where possible and feasible.	LCC Mike Kirby leading on this with support from Clare Johnson, Steve Scott, William Maxwell, Rachel Tanner, Ginette Unsworth, Ajay Sethi.	22 April 2022
The Bus Service Improvement Plan/ Enhanced Bus Partnerships	In March 2021, government published its National Bus Strategy – 'Bus Back Better' with £3bn supporting funding during this parliament to be allocated to transport authorities.	LCC Oliver Starkey, Head of Service, Public and Integrated Transport Phil Durnell, Director of Highways	TBC by Officers A joint session is being considered with other scrutiny committees due to overlap between work areas.
Youth Employment and Skills – impact on youth as one of the hardest hit groups during the pandemic	Consideration to be given to which scrutiny committee will be best to consider this item.	LCC	To be agreed