

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2022-23

The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year.

The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility to review and scrutinise the work of the county council and external organisations on matters relating to the environment and climate change, economic development and growth, and highways and transport. Accordingly, the work of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee will focus on the following areas:

- Climate change
- Environment
- Highways and transport
- Economic development and growth

The programme is determined by the Committee following a planning session at the start of the municipal year. This includes provision for the rights of county councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the committee.

Coordination of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee programmes is undertaken by the Scrutiny Management Board. This is in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Terms of Reference, as set out in the county council's [Constitution](#) (Part 2 Article 5).

Cabinet Members

The Cabinet Member portfolios aligned to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee's responsibilities are:

[County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick](#) – Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

[County Councillor Aidy Riggott](#) – Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth

[County Councillor Shaun Turner](#) – Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The areas of responsibility for each Cabinet Member are set out at [Appendix A – Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members](#) to the county council's constitution.

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Committee Meeting Schedule							
Scrutiny Activity	30/06/22 <small>(informal session)</small>	15/9/22	20/10/22	08/12/22	26/01/23	16/03/23	27/04/23
LCC Service Area Report to Committee		Parking Enforcement Review of in-house provision	Defect Repair Policy Review and KPIs Love Clean Streets - Highways App (incl. Public Rights of Way)	Covid Loan Evaluation Review Unlocking Strategic Development	Flood Risk Management Strategy Review Road Safety Partnership Public Rights of Way Reporting	Countryside Sites Review	Net Zero – decarbonisation LCC Estate LCC Environment and Climate Change Strategy Waste and Recycling Implications of Environment Act 21 (incl. strategy)
Annual Report to Committee							
Planned Decision Scrutiny Review		Attachments to lighting columns policy review					
Short Scrutiny (Rapporteur) Review Update							
Other Scrutiny Review Update	Service Area Updates					Cabinet responses to C'ttee recommendations	
Cabinet Member Required Attendance	Portfolio Updates	Highways and Transport	Highways and Transport	Economic Development and Growth	Highways and Transport Environment and Climate Change	Environment and Climate Change	Environment and Climate Change

Items to be moved to 2023/24 municipal year as agreed by Scrutiny Management Board

- Water Resource Management (Q1 2023/24)
- Carbon Capture in Grasslands (Q1 2023/24)
- Nature Recovery Strategy

Task Groups:

- Public Realm Agreements

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Recommendations Progress

Meeting Date	Report Title	Corporate Priority	Recommendation	Progress Detail
15/09/22	Attachments to lighting columns policy review	Delivering better services Supporting Economic Growth	That the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport give consideration to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Charging for one licence fee per event. ii. Applying end dates or advise on a specified time frame for when signs should be removed. If signs aren't removed in time, to apply a fine. iii. Ensuring a comprehensive communication plan is put in place and maintained. 	The recommendation was shared with the former Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 22 September 2022. A written response was received from the current Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 27 February 2023 and was included in the work programme report at the meeting on 16 March 2023.
20/10/22	Highway Safety Inspection Policy, KPIs and lovecleanstreets app	Supporting Economic Growth	That; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport give consideration to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introducing new key performance indicators on recurring visits to both potholes and gullies and another for gully repairs on both gritting and non-gritting routes b) Ensuring that all key performance reporting to the committee includes RAG rated 	The recommendation was shared with the former Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 4 November 2022. A written response was received from the current Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 27 February 2023 and was included in the work programme report at the meeting on 16 March 2023.

			<p>tables and for briefing notes to be circulated to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee at regular intervals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Expanding the functionality of the Lovecleanstreets app to provide more detailed communication to councillors on progress with casework reported via the app d) Modifying the app to take account of the suggestions as set out in the minutes e) Setting a timescale for integrating Public Rights of Way reporting within the Lovecleanstreets app f) Writing to the Secretary of State for Transport to request a change in legislation to extend the defect liability period currently applied to reinstatements by utility companies g) Amending the Highway Safety Inspection Policy to include a specified timeframe for when repairs in conservation areas should be completed by <p>2. A briefing note on defence against highways claims be circulated to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.</p>	
8/12/2022	Unlocking Strategic Development	Supporting Economic Growth	<p>That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change provide a list of projects led by Lancashire County Council that are moving towards renewable energy generation. ii. The report be noted. 	Request submitted to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change on 5 January 2023. Response was circulated to all members of the committee on 25 January 2023.

26/01/2023	Lancashire Road Safety Partnership	N/A	<p>That;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The recommendations from the Peer Review be circulated to all members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee. ii. Further detail on Operation Snap be circulated to all members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee. iii. An update from the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to include a demonstration of the new website be provided in six months' time. iv. Future updates on the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership be circulated to all Parish and Town Councils via the county council's Partnerships Team. v. Clarification on the role of Community Safety Partnerships and the interface with Lancashire Road Safety Partnership be provided to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee. vi. Clarification on the funding arrangements for Lancashire Road Safety Partnership be provided to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee vii. A Bite Size Briefing be arranged for all County Councillors on the strategy and action plan to resolve drug driving. viii. The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership Manager considers the implementation of an app-based method of reporting speeding concerns. 	Request for Bite Size Briefing made on 3 February 2023. Remaining resolutions passed to Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Manager on 22 February 2023. A written response was received from the LRSP Manager on 8 and 9 March 2023 and was included in the work programme report at the meeting on 27 April 2023.
	Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Review	Protecting Our Environment	<p>That the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Investment 	

			<p>Programme and future Annual Monitoring Reports be circulated to all members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee at the appropriate times.</p> <p>ii. A Bite Size Briefing on how councillors can respond to flooding incidents be arranged and provided by officers in the Flood Risk Management Team and Highways Team.</p>	<p>Confirmation received that Annual Monitoring Reports will be published each December. Awaiting date of publication of the FCERM Investment Programme.</p> <p>Bite Size Briefing held on 24 April 2023. Archive recording available on C-First website.</p>
	Public Rights of Way and the Lovecleanstreets app	Protecting Our Environment	<p>That the;</p> <p>i. The move to the lovecleanstreets app for reporting problems on Lancashire's network of public rights of way be welcomed.</p> <p>ii. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change be asked to ensure that the;</p> <p>a. Public rights of way database be made easier and effective for officers to use in the field.</p> <p>b. Changes on how reporting problems on Lancashire's network of public rights of way be publicised.</p>	<p>i). The Love Clean Streets app is currently undergoing rigorous testing so that public rights of way officers can be satisfied that it meets the needs of residents and visitors.</p> <p>(ii)(a). The work is also exploring the 'back-office' data-handling phase of the project using the Highway Asset Management System to receive and record the reports made by the public via the app. Officers are clear about the requirement of the Committee for a system that is easy and effective to use in the field by staff. This 'back-office' phase of the work will not affect the ability of the public to make reports.</p> <p>(ii)(b). Once the Love Clean Streets system goes live, it will be accompanied by a communications campaign to publicise the changes.</p>
16/03/2023	Management of LCC Countryside Sites	Protecting Our Environment	<p>That;</p> <p>1. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change give consideration to:</p> <p>a) Resolving the parking meter issue at Wycoller Country Park.</p> <p>b) Reviewing how the Countryside Sides are marketed and promoted with a view to updating the relevant pages on the County Council's website for the public and schools.</p> <p>c) See funding for a future commercial and asset audit to help identify</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>a) Officers are investigating the parking meter issues at Wycoller Country Park which seem to be related to wider problems of the mobile phone network in the area and which are also affecting the wider community. Officers are also exploring alternative ways for the ongoing management and maintenance of ticket machines at the five countryside sites that have them.</p> <p>b) The information on the County Council's website has been updated and is available</p>

			<p>opportunities to enhance the management of the County Council's Countryside Sites and to explore potential commercial opportunities.</p> <p>d) Ensuring that any business plan arising from the audit includes a communications plan on promoting the offer.</p> <p>e) Exploring what resources might be available for the Countryside Service to engage more with schools.</p> <p>2. With the agreement of the Scrutiny Management Board, a report on the Use of CCTV be added to the committee's work programme.</p>	<p>here: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/countryside/</p> <p>c) A study has been commissioned to identify an initial list of ten sites that might have the potential for some form of enhanced commercial activity. The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has significant experience of running countryside facilities on a commercial basis and has been commissioned to investigate opportunities at these sites - considering what might be appropriate, what constraints there might be, and what level of income might be generated.</p> <p>d) A detailed business plan would need to be developed for any sites that the audit identifies as having potential for enhanced commercial activity, this would include plans for communication and marketing the offer.</p> <p>e) Information that will be useful to schools to help them understand what the countryside sites have to offer is being collated and will be added to the new countryside webpage on the county council's web site.</p>
	Work Programme 2022/23	N/A	<p>That;</p> <p>(3) A Bite Size Briefing be provided to all members on the Bus Service Improvement Plan and how the new public transport system works, and the different funding streams involved.</p>	Request made on 21 March 2023. Bite Size Briefing scheduled to take place on 17 July 2023.
27/04/2023	Lancashire County Council Environment and Climate Strategy	Protecting Our Environment	<p>That;</p> <p>1. The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee welcomes the baseline assessment due for submission to the Carbon Disclosure Project in July 2023 and the carbon reductions that will emanate from that.</p> <p>2. A copy of the baseline report be provided to the committee.</p>	Carbon Disclosure Project report to be submitted by 14 July. Separate baseline report to be completed in July 2023.

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