

## Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee

### Work Programme 2023-24

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.

**Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Programme 2023-24**

| <b>Committee Meeting Schedule</b>                |                                       |   |   |  |                                |  |   |
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| <b>Scrutiny Activity</b>                         | <b>29/06/23</b><br>(informal session) | <b>21/9/23</b>  | <b>26/10/23</b>   | <b>05/12/23</b><br>(Tuesday 2pm)   | <b>25/01/24</b>                | <b>11/03/24</b>  | <b>25/04/24</b>   |
| <b>LCC Service Area Report to Committee</b>      |                                       | Parking Enforcement (yellow line abuse and use of CCTV)<br><br>Road Closures Policy incl. Traffic Management Policy (Lane Rental Schemes) | Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles and LCC Fleet<br><br>Net Zero Infrastructure (utility companies) | Levelling Up East<br>Lancashire: Creating Opportunities through Safer, Greener and Healthier Travel<br><br>Love clean streets app review | Water Resource Management      | Lancashire Economic Recovery and Growth (LERG) Programme and Aerospace Watchtower Case study<br><br>Value for money for potholes<br><br>TAMP | Strategic approach to decarbonising county council assets and operations<br><br>Carbon Capture through Nature<br><br>Enabling Net Zero Infrastructure – National Grid |
| <b>Annual Report to Committee</b>                |                                       |   |   |  | Lancashire Road Safety         |  |   |
| <b>Planned Decision Scrutiny Review</b>          |                                       | Tree Management Strategy 2023   |   |  |                                |  |   |
| <b>Short Scrutiny (Rapporteur) Review Update</b> |                                       |   |   |  |                                |  |   |
| <b>Other Scrutiny Review Update</b>              | Service Area Updates                  | Public Realm Agreements – Cabinet Member response   |   |  |                                |  |   |
| <b>Cabinet Member Required Attendance</b>        | Portfolio Updates                     | CC R Swarbrick and CC S Turner  | CC R Swarbrick  | CC A Riggott and CC R Swarbrick  | CC R Swarbrick and CC S Turner | CC A Riggott and CC R Swarbrick  | CC S Turner   |

Enabling Net Zero Infrastructure – National Grid (further consideration required – see resolution from 31 October 2023 meeting)

The following topics have been identified as reserve topics should any topic move off the work programme:

- Renewable energy on LCC land
- Nature recovery and biodiversity – including Local nature Recovery Strategy

## Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Recommendations Progress

| Meeting Date      | Report Title  | Corporate Priority         | Recommendation   | Progress Detail  |
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| 21 September 2023 | Road Closures | Delivering better services | <p>1. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gives consideration to;</p> <p>a) Producing a list of contact numbers and contacts for utility companies and their contractors who install temporary traffic lights to be shared with all county councillors and for this to include those website addresses displaying road work information in Lancashire such as MapZone/MARIO and One.Network.</p> <p>b) Informing all Lancashire Parish and Town Councils of the option to register for road closure alerts.</p> <p>c) Reviewing the road closure information on the county council's website with a view to including a list of frequently asked questions to assist residents.</p> <p>2. The policy on road closures for events and parades be shared with members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee."</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Producing a list of contact numbers and contacts for utility companies and their contractors who install temporary traffic lights to be shared with all county councillors and for this to include those website addresses displaying road work information in Lancashire such as MapZone/MARIO and One.Network.</li> </ul> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The volume of different contractors and traffic management companies would make the collation of a meaningful list too complex and simply not practical for county councillors. In addition we would only be able to provide the numbers for their customer contact centres or online reporting websites which again would not help solve the problem faced by councillors etc. The links to Mapzone/Road works bulletin and One.Network were contained within the report to scrutiny but here are the links again. <a href="http://one.network">one.network</a> and <a href="http://Road works bulletin (arcgis.com)">Road works bulletin (arcgis.com)</a></li> </ul> <p>Works being undertaken by utility companies and LCC should have an information board on site displaying the permit number and a contact number. Our inspectors do check that these are in place as part of our random sample inspection regime and we will have a more focused campaign on making sure these are in place in the new year. The team will collate a contact list of the main utilities for Cllrs and will circulate shortly. However to ensure we can monitor utilities and effectively and implement the various defect and charging regimes it is important that issues are reported to the team rather than going directly to the utility etc. Unfortunately the street works team are not set up or staffed to allow Cllrs and the public to come direct to the team. All issues should be reported through the established mechanisms – customer access centre or the Love Clean Streets app. In addition the team has been</p> |

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|  |   |                                   |  | <p>strengthened recently so as to provide an additional two inspectors so that we can ensure greater levels of compliance; and we have bolstered the direct management of the team by the addition of a dedicated Street Works Manager post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informing all Lancashire Parish and Town Councils of the option to register for road closure alerts.</li> </ul> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The team are liaising with the team that manage contact with Parish councils to get this message out to them.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing the road closure information on the county council's website with a view to including a list of frequently asked questions to assist residents.</li> </ul> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A website review is underway to ensure that as much helpful information is available to the public. The team are in the discovery phase at this time recording typical questions that are received about road closures, to allow for a FAQ to be created.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The policy on road closures for events and parades be shared with members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee."</li> </ul> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This document is now 7 years old and will need updating to remain relevant. Document circulated to committee members on 27 November 2023.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p>Parking Enforcement and Red Routes</p> | <p>Delivering better services</p> | <p>That the mechanism for county councillors to request a specific piece of parking enforcement be shared and made explicit on where county councillors report to.</p> | <p>In progress. C-First news article to be published and key contacts page updated. Key contacts on members' mobile phones to be updated. Member Induction booklet for circulation after the elections in 2025 to be updated.</p>   |

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| <p>26 October 2023</p> | <p>Electricity North West – Enabling Net Zero Infrastructure</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further consideration be given to inviting representatives from the National Grid on enabling Net Zero Infrastructure to a future meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>2. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change give consideration to the role Lancashire County Council has with Electricity North West Limited's Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) process and confirm the council's position on this.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In progress. Informal meeting held with representatives of National Grid on 21 November 2023.</li> <li>2. Response: <p>A Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) is a spatial plan specific to the local area that sets out the change required to transition an area's energy system to net zero in a given timeframe. LAEPs are led by local government and developed collaboratively with defined stakeholders, including Distribution Network Operators such as Electricity North West.</p> <p>Lancaster City Council has commissioned work on a LAEP for the Lancaster District and the County Council, along with other key stakeholders, is supporting the process as an Authorising Stakeholder.</p> <p>Lancashire County Council, together with Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council is currently considering the role LAEPs have alongside the proposals for heat network zoning, currently out for consultation, and the emerging role of Regional Energy Strategic Planners (RESPs) and the significant role they will have in enabling local energy and net zero action.</p> <p>Regional Energy Strategic Planners will work with organisations at a local level including local government and gas and electricity networks, to improve understanding of the infrastructure needed and attract investment for projects. This new approach to energy planning will see RESPs create clear plans for how local energy systems need to be developed to reach net zero, considering both the national targets set by government, and the local needs and most appropriate approach in each area.</p> <p>Heat Network Zoning will designate zones, using a standardised national methodology, where heat networks are expected to offer the lowest-cost solution for decarbonising heat. It is proposed that a new Heat Network Zoning Authority (the Central</p> </li> </ol> |
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|                 |  |  |  | Authority) will be established to oversee all heat network zones across England, and that new local Zone Co-ordinators will be responsible for local implementation. |
|                 | Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles and LCC Fleet | Delivering better services; protecting our environment | That, a briefing note setting out the breakdown of the current fleet (including school buses) and the projection of future funding required to introduce Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles into the fleet be provided to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.   | Briefing note circulated to all members of the committee on 29 December 2023.  |
| 5 December 2023 | Love Clean Streets App Review              | Delivering better services                             | That:<br>(i) The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gives consideration to;<br>a) Expanding the Love clean streets app to include borough council issues (e.g., fly tipping, street cleansing) where they specifically affect the highway.<br>b) Creating a new category for weeds in the app's reporting system.<br>c) Providing emergency contact numbers for councillors, to avoid members reporting these via the app.<br>(ii) The projected dates on the forward plan for developing the app be shared with the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.<br>(iii) A Briefing Note on future plans for gully emptying be provided to the committee. | Recommendations shared with Cabinet Member on 6 December 2023.   |
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