

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 12 September 2024

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Work Programme, Actions and Assurances Update
(Appendices 'A' – 'C' refer)

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Brief Summary

This report provides members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee with the work programme for 2024/25, and an update on actions and assurances.

Recommendations

The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the work programme for 2024/25 at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) Note the formal written response from County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change to the Committee's recommendations on Carbon Capture through Nature at Appendix 'B' and determine if the committee should keep a watching brief on the matter.
- (iii) Discuss and confirm information to be included in the reports for the 24 October 2024 meeting of the Committee.
- (iv) Review and note the information provided as part of the actions and assurances to the Committee with regard to future work programme items at Appendix 'C'.

Detail

A plan of work for 2024/25 was drafted following an update from the Portfolio Holders and Senior Officers at an informal meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee on 13 June 2024.

Following this meeting, the programme was finalised, reported and approved at the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board on 23 July 2024.

A copy of the final work programme is set out at Appendix 'A' for the committee to note.

Actions and Assurances

The table below seeks to provide members outstanding committee recommendations progress, and work programme updates.

Further actions and assurances relating to items on the most recent Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register and the Corporate Performance Report are included for the Committee at Appendix 'C'.

Item	Information	Action/ Assurance
Work Programme		
Work Programmes Update	New work programme for the Committee ratified at the Scrutiny Management Board meeting held on 23 July 2024.	Action - Committee to review and note the work programme attached at Appendix 'A'.
Recommendations Update (2023/24)	Cabinet Member response to the recommendation of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee held on 25 April 2024 in relation to Carbon Capture through Nature is set out at Appendix 'B'.	Action – Committee to note and determine if it should keep a watching brief on the matter.
Actions Update (2023/24)	Road Closures report presented to committee on 21 September 2023. Policy on road closures for events and parades – A copy of the policy was circulated to committee members on 27 November 2023. The policy is now 7 years old and will need updating to remain relevant. An updated policy is awaited.	Assurance – committee to note update.



Future topics on the work programme

The committee is due to receive reports on the following topics at its next scheduled meeting on 24 October 2024:

- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure
- Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub

The table below sets out the purpose of scrutiny for each topic.

Topic	Purpose of scrutiny
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure	To review delivery of projects to support the Strategy vision to support residents without off-street parking and the proposals for delivery of the £10.1m LEVI capital programme.
Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub	Suggestion from Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth was to examine whether the current Bootcamp programmes were addressing the skills challenge in the County? Scrutiny members felt it needed to understand the programme's purpose, why it was setup and who it was aimed at; and then review aspects including how people enter the programme, the tracking of progress, outcomes, future engagement with councillors and residents and to benchmark its work against activities of other programmes such as the Prince's Trust. The intention of scrutiny is to make recommendations on strengthening the offer and to enhance marketing and promotion.

Members are asked to discuss and confirm information to be included in the reports and how the committee might add value.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' – 'C' are attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2024/2025.
Appendix 'B'	Cabinet Member response to the recommendation of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee held on 25 April 2024 in relation to Carbon Capture through Nature.
Appendix 'C'	Further actions and assurances for the Committee to note, relating to items on the most recent Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register and the Corporate Performance Reports.



Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal

There are no significant legal implications detailed in the report.

Financial

There are no significant financial implications detailed in the report.

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications detailed in the report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

