

Report to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 30 January 2025

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Work Programme, Actions and Assurances Update

(Appendices 'A' to 'D' refer)

Part I	Corporate Priorities: N/A;
Electoral Division(s): (All Divisions);	
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Summary

Purpose of the Report

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.

Recommendation

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 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure at Appendix 'B'.
- (iii) Note the formal written response from County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to the Committee's recommendations on Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub at Appendix 'C'.
- (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 'D'.
- (v) Discuss and confirm information to be included in the reports for the 17 March 2025 meeting of the Committee.

Background

1. 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.
2. A copy of the final work programme is set out at Appendix 'A' for the committee to note.
3. A response to the committee's recommendations on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure has been received from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change. This is set out at Appendix 'B'.
4. A response to the committee's recommendations on Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub has also been received from the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. This is set out at Appendix 'C'.

Actions and Assurances

5. The table below seeks to provide members outstanding committee recommendations progress, and work programme updates.
6. Further actions and assurances relating to items on the most recent Corporate Risk and Opportunity - Quarterly Update report is included for the Committee at Appendix 'D'.

Item	Information	Action/ Assurance
Work Programme		
Work Programmes Update	An initial meeting of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Inquiry Panel was held on Tuesday 10 December 2024. A findings report will be presented to the committee at its next scheduled meeting on 17 March 2025.	Action - Committee to review and note the work programme attached at Appendix 'A'.
Recommendations Update (2024/25)	Cabinet Member responses to the recommendations of the committee's meeting held on 24 October 2024 in relation to Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure and Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub are set out at Appendices 'B' and 'C' respectively.	Action – Committee to note.



Future topics on the work programme

7. The committee is due to receive reports on the following topics at its next scheduled meeting on 17 March 2025:

- Public Rights of Way - Open Reports
- Flood Risk Management - Environment Agency Flood Defence and Alleviation Schemes

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

Topic	Purpose of scrutiny
Public Rights of Way - Open Reports	The report will cover the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How processes work and how the backlog is being addressed.• Advice on interpreting and understanding the data.• Joint working with parish and town councils and volunteers.• Proactive and planned work.
Flood Risk Management - Environment Agency Flood Defence and Alleviation Schemes	The report will cover the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are flood risk management projects developed and delivered?• Which organisation/s will investigate flooding that has happened and how do they do it?

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

Options and Proposals

9. Any options and proposals associated with reports identified on the work programmes within Appendix 'A' will be considered as part of each report individually.

10. Any in-year requests to add new topics on to a work programme are considered by the Scrutiny Management Board.

11. Whilst the formal written responses from the cabinet members set out at appendices 'B' and 'C' are for noting, the committee should consider where relevant scheduling any further updates on proposed actions and the preferred form of scrutiny method (for example report to committee or briefing note).

Consultations

12. The work programme was developed in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders and Senior Managers in the Growth, Environment, Transport and Health Directorate at the county council. Committee members also provided suggestions for consideration during the shortlisting process between the Chair and Deputy Chair of the committee.



Context and Implications

Legal (including Human Rights)

13. Any legal information or implications associated with reports identified on the work programmes within Appendix 'A' will be considered as part of each report individually.

Financial

14. Any financial information or implications associated with reports identified on the work programmes within Appendix 'A' will be considered as part of each report individually.

Equality and Diversity

15. Any equality and diversity information or implications associated with reports identified on the work programmes within Appendix 'A' will be considered as part of each report individually.

Risk Management

16. Any risk management information or implications associated with reports identified on the work programmes within Appendix 'A' will be considered as part of each report individually.

Appendices

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 24 October 2024 in relation to Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure.
Appendix 'C'	Cabinet Member response to the recommendation of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee held on 24 October 2024 in relation to Skills, Interventions and Initiatives led by the Skills and Employment Hub.
Appendix 'D'	Further actions and assurances for the Committee to note, relating to items on the most recent Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register report.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

Part II Reason

17. N/A

