

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. To consider the Committee's forthcoming work programme.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

<i>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</i>	(Yes)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Maximising well-being:</i>	(Yes / No)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<i>Enhancing our quality of place:</i>	(Yes)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

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- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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WORK PROGRAMME – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	5 November 2013	21 January 2014	Spring 2014 (tbc)	Summer 2014 (tbc)
<p>Overview/Pre-Scrutiny - <i>To maintain an overview of the Environment and Transportation in Hampshire agenda, and to consider proposed scrutiny topics for inclusion in the work programme.</i></p>							
<p>Pre-scrutiny items</p>	<p>2014/15 Capital and Revenue budgets</p>	<p>Pre scrutiny of department budget prior to Executive Member sign-off</p>	<p>Pre-scrutiny expected at Jan 2014 meeting</p>		✓		

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Overview Item	a) Unadopted roads	a) Committee requested review of policy	<p>a) Report received Nov 2012 on the County Council's policy in relation to taking on unadopted roads.</p> <p>Outcome: letters were sent to the Law Society, the LGA and the DfT regarding various issues on unadopted roads Jan 2013. Workshop planned by the Department on road adoptions for 25 Nov 2013. <i>For the Committee to comment on the DfT consultation on planning processes – deadline April 2014.</i></p>				
Pre Scrutiny Item	b) Household Waste Recycling Centre provision	b) Request by Member of Committee following local newspaper reports on HWRCs	b) Provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres in Hampshire has been reviewed in 2013 and a strategy developed for the future. Committee to consider the proposed strategy.		✓ (b)		

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Performance and Sustainability	Department efficiencies	Monitoring from Committee following budget setting in January 2013	Receive a regular update on Department efficiency savings, in order to ensure that the figures estimated in January 2013 are met.	✓ (a)			
Scrutiny - to scrutinise, in-depth, priority areas agreed by the Committee, and supported by Policy and Resources Select Committee							
Grass Verge Parking	To review the County Council's policies in relation to grass verge, footpath and pavement parking.	Requested by Members in response to concerns from constituents	The Committee contributed to the Department review of the grass verge, footpath and pavement parking policy through a four-member working group. Outcome: for the final policy, contained within the Highway Maintenance Management Plan (HMMP) to come back to the November 2013 meeting of the Select Committee for pre-scrutiny.	✓			

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Real-time Scrutiny - <i>to scrutinise light-touch items agreed by the Committee, through working groups or items at formal meetings.</i>							
Control of weeds on the highway	To review the County Council's policy for removing and controlling weeds on its highways	Request of Chairman	Initial report outlining current arrangements to be brought to the November 2013 meeting.	✓			
Local Flood Risk scrutiny	Committee requested scrutiny of local flood risk related policies following scrutiny review in 2011	Member interest in scrutinising the County Councils role as Lead Local Flood Risk Authority and associated duties arising from the Flood and Water Management Act 2010	Committee pre-scrutinised the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy prior to approval by the Executive Member in July 2013. Agreed to hold a stand alone scrutiny event in autumn 2013 involving partner organisations, to consider the partnership working involved in flood risk management.				

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Term Highway Contract 2013/14		Request June 2013 – Members interest in how the quality of work of the highways contractor is monitored	Key Performance Indicators being reviewed in the light of a new IT monitoring system. To be scheduled for April 2014.			✓	
Referral from County Council	Motion 'In view of the potential environmental risks, this Council considers the controversial impact of fracking' proposed by Cllr Adam Carew	Motion regarding fracking referred from County Council for consideration by this committee.	For consideration at the next available committee meeting, for report back to County Council.	✓			
Monitoring Scrutiny Outcomes - to examine responses to the Committee's reports or comments and check on subsequent progress.							
None at this time							

Future topics:

- Community Infrastructure Levy – to understand how partnership working with District and Borough Councils is progressing on this topic, and to review how the introduction of the Levy has affected the County Council (to be scheduled once the Levy is in operation across Hampshire). Note July 2013 request from Member of C&YP SC that the impact on schools is considered as part of this item.
- Potholes – cost of responding to claims in relation to the costs of repair (Cllr Carew request)