

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	8 July 2014
<b>Report Title:</b>	Work Programme
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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**

<b><i>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</i></b>	(Yes )
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b><i>Maximising well-being:</i></b>	(No)
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b><i>Enhancing our quality of place:</i></b>	(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 – ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE**

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	8 July 2014	30 October 2014	20 January 2015	Tbc April 2015
<p><b>Overview/Pre-Scrutiny</b> - <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><b>Pre-scrutiny items</b></p>	<p>2015/16 Capital and Revenue budgets for ETE Dept</p>	<p>Pre scrutiny of department budget prior to Executive Member sign-off</p>	<p>Pre-scrutiny expected at Jan meeting each year</p>			<p>✓</p>	

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<b>Overview Item</b>	Economic Development	economic development added to this committee's remit Nov 2013	Initial item on the County Council's position in terms of supporting economic development in Hampshire heard April 2014. Working Group established, to report back to a future meeting.		✓?		
<b>Pre Scrutiny Item</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centre provision	Request by Member of Committee following local newspaper reports on HWRCs	Provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres in Hampshire has been reviewed in 2013 and a strategy developed for the future. Committee considered the proposed strategy April 2014 and requested to pre-scrutinise any proposed changes.		✓?		

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<b>Performance and Sustainability</b>	Department efficiencies	Monitoring from Committee following budget setting in January 2014	Receive an update on Department efficiency savings, in order to ensure that the figures planned for in January 2014 are met.		✓?		

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<p><b>Scrutiny</b> - to scrutinise, in-depth, priority areas agreed by the Committee, and supported by Policy and Resources Select Committee</p>							
<p>a) Highway Contract – new ways of working during extension</p> <p>b) Highway Contract – options following end of current contract</p>	<p>To consider opportunities to improve how highway maintenance is carried out and ensure the service is sustainable into the future.</p>	<p>The Highway Maintenance contract is a significant part of the ETE Dept budget and service provision.</p>	<p>a) Item on the highway contract considered April 2014. Supported an extension to the current contract and agreed to initiate a task &amp; finish group to input to new ways of working to be trialled during the extension period. To report back to a future meeting.</p> <p>b) Also requested involvement in review of options for how highway maintenance is undertaken in future once the current contract comes to an end. Proposals for a task &amp; finish group to be considered July 2014.</p>	<p>✓</p>			

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<b>Real-time Scrutiny</b> - to scrutinise light-touch items agreed by the Committee, through working groups or items at formal meetings.							
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 brought to the November 2013 meeting, deferred to the January 2014 meeting. Agreed to set up a task & finish group, to be scheduled when work programme allows				
20mph Speed Limits Policy	To consider the County Council's policy with regard to implementation of 20mph speed limits in the County.	Deputation received Nov 2013 on this topic. Cttee requested further information before taking a view on the policy.	January 2014 cttee supported policy to undertake pilots, to keep on work programme to review evidence from pilots (and compare to 20mph zones). Cttee recommended additional rural area added to pilots – accepted by EM and added at May DDay.			✓?	
Term Highway Contract Performance	Members interest in how the quality of work of the highways contractor is monitored	Request June 2013	Key Performance Indicators being reviewed in the light of a new IT monitoring system. Update provided to March 2014 briefing.				

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Local Flood Risk Management	To consider learning from recent flooding.	Use of flood risk scrutiny powers	Flood incident investigations from winter 2013/14 floods – requested update on findings when available (interim update to March briefing).	✓			
<b>Monitoring Scrutiny Outcomes</b> - to examine responses to the Committee's reports or comments and check on subsequent progress.							
Local Flood Risk Management	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. An event was held on 9 Dec 2013 involving partner organisations, including a scrutiny oral evidence session to consider the partnership working involved in flood risk management. Report of outcomes approved April 2014. Responses to recommendations to be monitored.	✓			

**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.