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

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

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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	16 April 2015	2 June 2015	30 Oct 2015	19 January 2016
Overview/Pre-Scrutiny - *To maintain an overview of the Environment and Transportation in Hampshire agenda, and to consider proposed scrutiny topics for inclusion in the work programme.*							
Pre-scrutiny items	2016/17 Capital and Revenue budgets for ETE Dept	Pre scrutiny of department budget prior to Executive Member sign-off	New budget cycle following Transformation to 2017 report to Cabinet Oct 2014		✓		
Overview Item	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.	✓			

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Pre Scrutiny Item	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. Pre scrutinised waste contract decision and HWRC policy changes Oct 2014. Pre scrutiny of changes in opening hours Jan 2015. Agreed to review impact of change in hours after six months (Oct 2015)			✓	
Performance and Sustainability	Department efficiencies	Monitoring from Committee following budget setting	Receive an update on Department efficiency savings, in order to ensure that the figures planned for in the budget are met. Last update received Oct 2014.				✓?
Overview	Cycling and Walking Strategy	Request of Chairman	Development of a Cycling and Walking strategy agreed by Exec Member Jan 2015, for consultation spring 2015. Chairman request (at Jan meeting) to come to scrutiny. Timing tbc		✓?		

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Scrutiny - *to scrutinise, in-depth, priority areas agreed by the Committee, and supported by Policy and Resources Select Committee*							
Parish Lengthsman Scheme	Scheme to be reviewed in 2015 regarding future options to fund	Member interest in capacity to undertake highway maintenance at a local level	Agreed to initiate task & finish group in principle Jan 2015 as a result of the Highways Phase 1 task & finish and item to Jan Exec Mem decision day. Overview of scheme and Terms of Ref for T&F due April 2015	✓			

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Real-time Scrutiny - *to scrutinise light-touch items agreed by the Committee, through working groups or items at formal meetings.*							
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 2014 DDay. To allow for all pilots being in place for a year before reviewing (Jan 2016 earliest, probably later in 2016?)				✓?
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.				
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). Update received July 2014.				

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Emergency Utility Works	To consider the motion made by Cllr Simpson	Notice of Motion made at full Council in Sept 2014 referred to this committee	Motion considered at January 2015 meeting. Rec to Feb Council re meetings with utility companies with highest levels. Resolved to review Jan 2016. (Council agreed recs. Chair and Vice Chair meeting water companies April 2015)				✓
Trial of A-Board licensing in Andover town centre	To review the Trial	To consider the need for amendments to the existing policy	Report to Executive Member March 2015 suggests the trial be reviewed after four months by the Select Committee (timing tbc)			✓?	

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Monitoring Scrutiny Outcomes - *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 monitored July 2014. Follow up event to be scheduled once further clarity on SuDs. Update due to April 2015 meeting.	✓			

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a) Highway Contract – new ways of working during extension b) Highway Contract – options following end of current contract	To consider opportunities to improve how highway maintenance is carried out and ensure the service is sustainable into the future.	The Highway Maintenance contract is a significant part of the ETE Dept budget and service provision.	a) Item on the highway contract considered April 2014. Supported an extension to the current contract and agreed to initiate a task & finish group to input to new ways of working to be trialled during the extension period. Recommendations agreed Jan 2015. Monitoring timing tbc b) Also requested involvement in review of options for how highway maintenance is undertaken in future once the current contract comes to an end. Task & finish group agreed July 2014. Recommendations agreed Jan 2015. Monitoring timing tbc	✓? ✓?			

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.
- Policy regarding support for electric cars – request at Oct 2014 meeting to add as a future topic (following press coverage)
- Animal casualties on the roads particularly the New Forest (request from Cllr Heron Jan 2015)