

## Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

- a) All scrutiny items should have regard to Suffolk County Council's priorities:
1. Raising educational attainment and skill levels;
  2. Supporting the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to increase economic growth;
  3. Maintaining roads and developing Suffolk's infrastructure;
  4. Supporting those most vulnerable in our communities; and
  5. Empowering local communities.
- b) The Scrutiny Committee can also scrutinise other public sector activity in Suffolk. There is a separate Health Scrutiny Committee which scrutinises issues relating to health and wellbeing in Suffolk. A separate Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising how the Council, and the other organisations with which it works, secure the best possible educational achievement and attainment for every child.
- c) The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and confirm or amend the following Forward Work Programme.

a) Provisional meeting date b) Date added c) Scrutiny Champion	Subject/ Council Priority	Description including why it is coming to committee for scrutiny and the anticipated outcomes	Who would the Committee wish to hear from in relation to this scrutiny item?
a) Spring 2016 b) FWP (30.3.15) c) TBC	Highways Asset Management  Priority 3	To consider progress made to date to develop this approach including what data is available and what does this show, modelling the impact of different investment levels, approaches to prioritising and allocating funds to works and how will information about this be communicated to local residents.	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport  Assistant Director (Operational Highways)

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a) Summer 2016 b) 4 June 2015 c) TBC	Working with Local Enterprise Partnerships  Priority 2	To consider progress which has taken place following scrutiny of this topic on 4 June 2015, including consideration of what difference has been made by the NALEP Capital Investment Fund in terms of outcomes and how the development of this work is being supported within Suffolk (10.2.16)	Leader/Cabinet Member for Economic Development  Assistant Director (Strategic Development)  District and Borough Councils  Business representatives
a) 28 July 2016 b) FWP (30.3.15) c) TBC	Update on impact of changes in adult care legislation and case law  Priority 4	To receive an update on work taking place to address the implications of the Care Act and case law relating to deprivation of liberty safeguards.	Cabinet Member for Adult Care  Director of Adult and Community Services  Officers from Adult and Community Services
a) 29 September 2016 b) 29 October 2015 c) TBC	Highways Contract Progress Update  Priority 3	The Committee considered the Highways contract on 29 October 2015 and agreed to request a further report on progress in 12 months' time.	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport  Assistant Director (Operational Highways)  Representatives of Kier/Suffolk Highways
a) 24 November 2016 b) Annual c) TBC	Pre-decision scrutiny of the 2017/18 budget  All priorities	Pre-decision scrutiny of the County Council's Financial Strategy and budget setting process.  (Areas for investigation set out the minutes of the Committee meeting held 26 November 2015).	All Cabinet Members  Corporate Management Team  Assistant Directors for Finance

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a) Date to be confirmed b) 25 September 2014 c) TBC	Speed limit policy criteria Priority 3	To consider the impact of policy criteria for speed limits agreed by Cabinet on 9 December 2014. To consider how requests for new schemes are being considered and implemented, what is working well and are there any ways in which the arrangements could be improved?	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Assistant Director (Operational Highways) Members of the Speed Limit Cases Panel
a) Date to be confirmed b) 4 June 2015 c) TBC	Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Priority 4	The Police and Crime Panel recommended (24.4.2015) that the Committee should consider undertaking scrutiny of performance, in dealing with domestic abuse, of the various County Council services referred to in a report by University Campus Suffolk published in March 2015 on this topic. This item is pending the outcome of a wider review, due to be completed in May 2016.	Cabinet Member for Health Lead Officers from the County Council Stakeholders
a) Date to be confirmed b) 10 February 2016 c) TBC	Devolution – proposals for consultation All priorities	To consider the planned approach to public consultation on devolution proposals, prior to this getting underway. (Possibly Joint Scrutiny with other authorities).	To be confirmed

***The decisions and views taken by Scrutiny are separate to and independent of those taken by Suffolk County Council or its Cabinet.***

For further information on any item appearing on this forward work programme, or if you wish to discuss possible items for future scrutiny, please contact Councillor Mary Evans, Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee; Email: mary.evans@[suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:mary.evans@suffolk.gov.uk) or contact 01473 260855.

**Scrutiny Committee - Future meeting dates**

Thursday 7 April 2016 (Reserve date)

Wednesday 4 May 2016

Tuesday 7 June 2016

Thursday 30 June 2016 (Reserve date)  
 Wednesday 28 July 2016  
 Thursday 29 September 2016  
 Thursday 27 October 2016 (Reserve date)  
 Thursday 24 November 2016  
 Tuesday 20 December 2016

### Scrutiny Sub-Committees

Subject	Description	Contacts
Suffolk Flood Risk Joint Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Statutory Duty – continue county wide joint scrutiny	Cllr Roy Barker (Mid Suffolk) Cllr Christine Block (Suffolk Coastal) Cllr Mary Evans (Suffolk) (Chairman) Cllr Peter Gardiner (Ipswich) Cllr Barry Gasper (Babergh) Cllr Wayne Hailstone (St Edmundsbury) Cllr Christine Mason (Forest Heath) Cllr Keith Patience (Waveney)

### Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups

Subject	Description	Contacts
Procurement and Contract Management	To consider: In what circumstances alternative funding mechanisms can be used (eg grants); Early market engagement with local organisations Accountability and transparency of contracts; Councillor involvement in procurement and contracting; Embedding commercial expertise within the Council	Membership to be confirmed

26 February 2016