

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) 29 June 2016 (<i>date subject to confirmation by County Council</i>) b) 9 March 2016 c) Cllr D Ritchie	Provision of Library Services Priorities 1, 4, 5	What are the current challenges for the libraries service in Suffolk and how are they innovating address these challenges? The scrutiny will seek to identify opportunities for the service to innovate and examples of good practice which can be shared more widely.	To be confirmed.

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<p>a) 29 June 2016 (<i>date subject to confirmation by County Council</i>) b) 4 June 2015</p>	<p>Supporting Economic Growth Priority 2</p>	<p>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 NALP Capital Investment Fund in terms of outcomes and how the development of this work is being supported within Suffolk (10.2.16)</p>	<p>Leader/Cabinet Member for Economic Development Assistant Director (Strategic Development) District and Borough Councils Business representatives</p>
<p>a) 28 July 2016 b) FWP (30.3.15) c) TBC</p>	<p>Update on impact of changes in adult care legislation and case law Priority 4</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Care Director of Adult and Community Services Officers from Adult and Community Services</p>
<p>a) 28 July 2016 b) 4 June 2015 c) TBC</p>	<p>Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy Priority 4</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health Lead Officers from the County Council Stakeholders</p>
<p>a) 29 September 2016 b) 9 March 2016 c) TBC</p>	<p>Supporting Lives Connecting Communities Priority 4</p>	<p>The Committee considered an update on progress at a workshop on 9 March 2016 and agreed this was a topic the Committee would wish to revisit in 2016. There are a number of aspects the Committee is interested in scrutinising, and the focus of the review is to be finalised.</p>	<p>To be confirmed.</p>

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a) 29 September 2016 b) 9 March 2016 c) TBC	Blue Light Collaboration Priority 4	To examine how the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is collaborating with the police and East of England Ambulance Service, including opportunities for joining up response; shared accommodation etc; work to address new duties under the Policing and Crime Bill; The scrutiny will seek to identify good practice elsewhere in the country; identify potential opportunities and/or obstacles and how these might be addressed.	Senior Officers, Fire, Police, EEAST Front line staff Cornwall/Lincolnshire
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
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

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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
a) Date to be confirmed 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)
a) Date to be confirmed b) 9 March 2016 c) TBC	Digitalisation and website improvements	To consider how well the development of the new digital services and website improvements serve the people of Suffolk; To make recommendations in relation to functionality, customer experience, ease of use, availability of the new services from the perspective of the customer.	People in the community who the new services are designed for; Hard to reach groups Best practice from elsewhere

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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

Wednesday 29 June 2016 (date subject to confirmation by County Council)

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	Clr Roy Barker (Mid Suffolk) Clr Christine Block (Suffolk Coastal) Clr Mary Evans (Suffolk) (Chairman) Clr Peter Gardiner (Ipswich) Clr Barry Gasper (Babergh) Clr Wayne Hailstone (St Edmundsbury) Clr Christine Mason (Forest Heath) Clr 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	Clr Mary Evans Clr Jessica Fleming Clr Len Jacklin

As at 19 May 2016