

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) 30 September 2016 b) 10.02.16 and 29.6.16 c) TBC	East Anglian Devolution Proposals All priorities	To consider the proposals for East Anglian Devolution prior to further decisions being taken in October 2016, including consideration of the arrangements for and early messages from the public consultation.	To be confirmed <i>(Chairmen of District and Borough Scrutiny Committees to be invited to attend)</i>
a) 30 September 2016 b) 29 June 2016 c) TBC	Potential implications of leaving the European Union for the local economy.	To consider early understanding of the potential issues arising for the Suffolk economy of the referendum decision to leave the European Union in June 2016 including for the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.	Cabinet Member for Economic Development Assistant Director Strategic Development New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership

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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) 20 December 2016 b) 7 June 2016 c) TBC	Waste Management Priority 3	To consider the impact of changes to Household Waste sites; the impact of changes in charges for green waste and the extent to which the Council is meeting its commitment to "Greenest County" principles.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection Assistant Director District and Borough Councils
a) 20 December 2016 b) 29.12.15 and 29.6.16 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. On 7 June, the Committee agreed this item should also consider vacancy levels as a % of total staff and actions being taken to address this and councillor communications with Suffolk Highways. The item was subsequently deferred to December 2016 on 26.6.16.	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Assistant Director (Operational Highways) Representatives of Kier/Suffolk Highways
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)

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a) Date to be confirmed b) 9 March 2016 c) TBC	Digitalisation and website improvements All priorities	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
a) Date to be confirmed b) 9.3.16 and 29.6.16 c) TBC	Supporting Lives Connecting Communities Priority 4	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.	Cabinet Member for Adult Care Director for Children and Adult Services To be confirmed
a) Date to be confirmed b) 9.3.16 and 29.6.16 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.	Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection Senior Officers, Fire, Police, EEAST Front line staff Cornwall/Lincolnshire

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a) Date to be confirmed b) 29 June 2016 c) TBC	Libraries Services Developments Priorities 1, 4, 5	To keep the libraries service under review with a particular focus on the emerging proposals for the development of services in rural areas. This should be pre-decision scrutiny timed to provide an opportunity for the Committee to make recommendations during the development of the proposals; and the arrangements for commissioning or renewal of the contract in July 2017.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Heritage Head of Service Development, Culture, Libraries, Sport Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd Library Service users

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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 28 July 2016
 Thursday 30 September 2016
 Thursday 3 November 2016 (was originally a 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 Christine Block (Suffolk Coastal) (Vice-Chairman) Cllr James Caston (Mid Suffolk) Cllr Mary Evans (Suffolk) (Chairman) Cllr Peter Gardiner (Ipswich) Cllr Barry Gasper (Babergh) Cllr Wayne Hailstone (St Edmundsbury) Cllr Christine Mason (Forest Heath) Cllr Craig Rivett (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	Cllr Mary Evans Cllr Jessica Fleming Cllr Len Jacklin

As at 16 June 2016