

Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

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.

- a) 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.
- b) 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) 8 March 2017 b) 30 September 2016 c) Cllr Jessica Fleming	The Upper Orwell Crossings Project Priority 3	This item was added following the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Procurement and Contract Management. The purpose of the scrutiny will be to review progress and timescales for what will be a high profile development and to consider the arrangements in place within the County Council for managing the project.	Member with Responsibility for Outside Bodies Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport SCC Lead Officer SCC Project Manager

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a) 8 March 2017 b) 30 September 2016 c) Cllr Jessica Fleming	Lowestoft Third Crossing Project Priority 3	This item was added following the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Procurement and Contract Management. The purpose of the scrutiny will be to review progress and timescales for what will be a high profile development and to consider the arrangements in place within the County Council for managing the project.	Member with Responsibility for Outside Bodies Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport SCC Lead Officer SCC Project Manager
a) 29 June 2017 b) 20 December 2017 c) TBC	Suffolk Highways - Integrated Teams	To consider how the new integrated team arrangements are bedding in (possible areas for scrutiny being the working arrangements for drainage works and/or local highways budgets);	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Assistant Director (Operational Highways) Representatives of Suffolk Highways
a) Date to be confirmed b) 7 June 2016 (postponed 30.9.16) 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 (Resource Management) District and Borough Councils
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.	SCC Lead Officers People in the community who the new services are designed for; Hard to reach groups Best practice from elsewhere

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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. 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) 29 June 2016 c) TBC	Libraries Services Developments Priorities 1, 4, 5	On 29 June 2016 the Committee agreed 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

The following items are also proposed to be considered for inclusion in the forward work programme post May 2017:-

- Progress with Broadband in Suffolk;
- Work with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Council;
- Opportunities for Income Generation
- The County Council's Transformation Programmes (full day)

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 or contact 01473 260855.

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 Group

Subject	Description	Contacts
Procurement and Contract Management	This Task and Finish Group (which made its original recommendations to Scrutiny Committee on 30 September 2016), has been re-established with the following Terms of Reference, in order to complete outstanding work:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To evaluate the County Council's legal support structure in relation to procurement and contracting; - To seek further information on the effectiveness of the schools building framework and whether there are opportunities to improve this programme by providing for early/design stage contractor engagement; - To review progress with steps being taken to improve councillor involvement in procurement and contract management; - To report back to the Committee in an information bulletin on these points, and progress with the recommendations made in September 2016, in early 2017. 	Cllr Mary Evans Cllr Len Jacklin Cllr Jessica Fleming