

		AGENDA ITEM 7
		EDE/26/10
Committee:	Economic Development and Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee	
Date:	21 October 2010	
FORWARD LOOK		
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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the Committee's latest work programme as set out at Appendix A, and the following paragraphs that provide an update on some of the reviews in the Forward Look.

Economic Development and Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee: Forward Look for 2009/2010 (as at 29 September 2010)

Meeting	Topic	Approach	Current status
2010 <i>(Where dates are identified they refer to scheduled meetings of the Committee. (EDE-SCR-??) refers to the scoping document reference for the item)</i>			
October	Essex Legacy from 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (EDE-SCR-04)	Task and Finish Group to undertake review of the outcomes of original Scrutiny Report. (Minute 20/ April 2009)	Ongoing (Report commissioned from Cabinet Member, and Group meetings to be set up)
October	Use of Inert Waste for Recreational Development (EDE-SCR-07)	Task & Finish Group gathering evidence	Ongoing (draft report under consideration)

21 October	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway. (EDE-SCR-16)	Initial in depth overview by ECC Highways Officers	
	Corporate Scorecard: Jobs and Foreign Direct Investment	Referral	Details to be confirmed
	Local Transport Plan	Briefing Paper to be submitted with scoping document, and proposal for a Joint Task and Finish Group with SSCPSC	
18 November	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway. (EDE-SCR-16)	Invite representatives of Utility Companies witnesses to provide feedback on their perspective of situation in Essex	
	<i>Internal Audit Report – 2 references referred by Audit Committee</i>		<i>Details to be confirmed</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Proposals for a Task and Finish Group to review Local Transport Plan</i>		
16 December	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
Tentative	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway.	Invite representatives of Road User Groups to provide feedback on their perspective of situation in Essex	

	(EDE-SCR-16)		
2011			
20 January	Banking on Essex	Review outcomes of scrutiny report (Minute 37/ July 2010)	
	Post Offices	Details to be confirmed	
17 February	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
17 March	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
28 April	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>Generation of Energy (EDE-SCR-17)</i>	<i>Further evidence gathering</i>	<i>Ongoing – New scoping document to be drafted</i>
<i>To be confirmed</i>	<i>Corporate CO2 Reduction and Energy Efficiency (EDE-SCR-21)</i>	<i>Full Committee to receive a briefing on topic Scoping document to be considered at the meeting</i>	<i>NB item to be chaired by Cllr McEwen</i>

Task and Finish Groups			
Active	Use of Inert Waste For Recreational Development (EDE-SCR-07)	Scoping document endorsed by the Committee September 2009 (Minute 44)	Ongoing

Active	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway. (EDE-SCR-16)	Principle of new review and draft scoping document endorsed by the Committee September 2009 (Minute 44)	Meeting date - tbc
Active	Essex Legacy from 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (EDE-SCR-04)	Scrutiny Review completed. Principle of monitoring approach agreed April 2010	Ongoing
<i>Details to be confirmed</i>	<i>Corporate CO₂ Reduction and Energy Efficiency (EDE-SCR-21)</i>	<i>Agreed at Committee meeting on 23 September</i>	
<i>Details to be confirmed</i>	<i>Local Transport Plan</i>	<i>Proposal being submitted to October meeting with suggestion that Joint Group be established with Safer and Stronger Communities PSC that will meet in November.</i>	

Completed Reviews Awaiting Monitoring

September 2010	Essex Legacy from 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (EDE-SCR-04)	Scrutiny Review completed Monitor outcomes September 2010	Ongoing by undertaken by Task and Finish Group
Summer 2010	Bus Telematics (EDE-SCR-02)	Scrutiny Review completed Monitor outcomes April 2010	Final report to September meeting
Autumn 2010/ April 2011	Winter Service Review	Following a presentation to the Committee, Members wished to receive an update on the 2010/2011 winter service in the Autumn 2010, and April 2011.	Minute 36/July 2010 Requires scoping document

Completed Reviews where no further action required			
September 2009	EssexWorks Corporate Plan/ Local Area Agreement Scorecard Referrals to Policy and Scrutiny Committees (EDE-SCR-13)	General introduction to Scorecard Referrals to Policy and Scrutiny Committees	No further action
September 2009	Corporate Scorecard: 'Percentage of traders who sell age restricted products to young people' (Indicator Ref L131) (EDE-SCR-15)	Scorecard Referral. Considered by the Committee in September 2009 (Minute 42).	No further action at present time. However, keep under review for future inclusion in Forward Look
September 2009	Flooding and Water Management Bill Consultation	Multi Committee Task and Finish Group set up to consider Consultation	Recommendations forwarded to Cabinet. No further action. Final Report published.
April 2009	Highways Fault Reporting (EDE-SCR-05)	Monitoring of outcomes of Scrutiny Report published by Scrutiny Board.	No further action. New Task and Finish Group on Statutory Undertakers proposed.
November 2009	Review the review of relocatable classrooms (EDE-SCR-01a)	Outcomes of former PDG scrutiny review monitored. (Minute 39/September 2009) Final Scrutiny Report agreed Minute 54/ November 2009	No further action
October 2009	Essex Rural Commission (EDE-SCR-03a)	Review of Commission's Final Report considered in October 2009 (Minute 48) Scrutiny Report forwarded to Cabinet. Proposed no further action at present time.	No further action at the present time Monitored - Minute

		However, there may be issues arising from the Commission's recommendations that may be included in future in the Forward Look	30/June 2010
April 2010	Shoreline Management Plan (EDE-SCR-18)	Committee considered draft Plan (Minute 4/January 2010)	No further action
April 2010	Proposed Nuclear Power Station at Bradwell-on-Sea (EDE-SCR-19)	Committee consider Council's response to Government Consultation (Minute 9/February 2010)	No further action
June 2010	N1168 & N1169 on the Condition of Roads	Corporate Scorecard Indicator Referrals (Minute 27/June 2010)	No further action
June 2010	Per capita CO ₂ emissions in the Local Authority area, and Environment Strategy ECC284a Ecological Footprint (EDE-SCR-20)	Corporate Scorecard Indicator Referrals, monitoring of Committee's Scrutiny Report recommendations (Minute 29/June 2010)	No further action

Other issues to be kept under review for potential inclusion in the Forward Look, or are being investigated for potential inclusion:

- Rural Transformation Programme proposals (linked to the Essex Rural Commission's report)
- The subsidisation and prioritisation of public transport in Essex (agreed in principle at September meeting and therefore details to be developed)
- *As result of Corporate Scorecard referral on Jobs and Foreign Direct Investment, it is possible that the Committee will confirm that it wishes to undertake a review on the Council's international links.*

