

		AGENDA ITEM 6
		SSC/22/10
Committee:	Safer and Stronger Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee	
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FORWARD LOOK		
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A copy of the Committee's latest work programme is set out at the Appendix to this report. Please note that there have been some changes to the scheduling of reviews due to the following matters:

1. Review of COMAH Sites

The Committee is currently in the process of gathering evidence by way of visits for this scrutiny review prior to its formal public meeting on 14 January 2011.

In January it is proposed that the meeting will take place over the full day at County Hall to enable Members to hear from a number of witnesses, and to draw some provisional conclusions for incorporating into a formal scrutiny report.

2. A Board Policy

As referred to elsewhere on this agenda, this review will need to take account of evidence from further witness sessions, and therefore the review has been provisionally scheduled into the February meeting.

3. Victoria History of Essex

In the light of a decision that was published on 17 November to discontinue Essex County Council's three year agreement with the Essex Victoria County History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London (Ref: FP/338/11/10), Councillor Pond has requested that the outcome of the decision be reviewed as part of the Committee's Forward Look in Spring 2011.

**Safer and Stronger Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee:
Forward Look for 2009/2010 (as at 29 November 2010)**

Meeting	Topic	Approach	Current status
2010 <i>Where dates are identified they refer to scheduled meetings of the Committee. (SSC- SCR- ??) refers to the scoping document reference for the item</i>			
November/ December	Review of COMAH Sites (SSC-SCR-13)	Evidence gathering via various informal visits: including COMAH sites, Canvey Island communications initiative, and local witnesses	
22 November	Local Transport Plan Task and Finish Group	Joint Task and Finish Group with Economic Development and Environment PSC to consider the new draft LTP.	Further meetings to be organised, before reporting to main Committees
10 December	A-Board Policy on the Publicly Maintainable Highway (SSC-SCR-14)	Full Committee investigating management of A Boards.	Consideration of evidence from external witnesses
	Transfer of County Emergency Planning Service to the Fire and Rescue Service	Report on visit to Fire Service Headquarters at Kelvedon	
14 December 2010	Highways Transformation Programme	Joint briefing with Safer and Stronger Communities PSC, open to all County Councillors, to provide overview of changes proposed to Highways Service	
15 December	Local Transport Plan Task and Finish	Joint Task and Finish Group with Economic Development	Group wishes to undertake further

	Group	and Environment PSC to consider the new draft LTP.	investigation
2011			
14 January (Full day meeting)	Review of COMAH Sites (SSC-SCR-13)	Full Committee to consider evidence obtained and, if necessary, identify any further activity that may be necessary.	
January/ February	Local Transport Plan Task and Finish Group	Joint Task and Finish Group with Economic Development and Environment PSC to consider the new draft LTP.	Further meeting anticipated
11 February	Heritage Scrutiny (SSC-SCR-12)	Submission of final scrutiny report for consideration by Full Committee	.
	A-Board Policy on the Publicly Maintainable Highway (SSC-SCR-14)	Full Committee investigating management of A Boards.	Further witnesses to be invited including District Councils
14 March	Two Wheeler Safety Ref SSC-SCR-08	Monitoring outcomes of original scrutiny review approved by the Committee	Minute 9/ 12 February 2010

Task and Finish Groups			
November 2010 Start	Local Transport Plan	Joint Group with EDEPSC to consider proposed new Plan.	Ongoing

Completed Reviews Awaiting Monitoring			
March 2011	Two Wheeler Safety Ref SSC-SCR-08	Scrutiny Review completed	Minute 9/12 February 2010

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

- Partnership Working
- Strategic issues to be addressed by the Fire and Police Services as a result of Government Spending Cuts
- Victoria History of Essex