

AGENDA ITEM 5	
EDE/29/10	
Committee:	Economic Development and Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee
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FORWARD LOOK	
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The purpose of this report is to consider the Committee's latest work programme, which is set out at Appendix A to this report.

The following items are drawn to the Committee's attention:

1. Scrutiny Review on Banking on Essex

This review is scheduled for 24 February 2011, and a draft scoping document is attached at Appendix B for the Committee's approval.

2. Scrutiny Review on Post Office Initiative

This review is scheduled for 24 February 2011, and a draft scoping document is attached at Appendix C for the Committee's approval.

3. Scrutiny Review on Corporate Carbon Reduction

The Committee agreed in September 2010 (Minute 44) that this review should be taken forward by a Task and Finish Group, which will be led by Councillor McEwen. Councillors Aspinell and Kendall have also indicated that they wish to be on the Group. Please could any other Members who wish to join the Group advise Councillor McEwen accordingly.

A draft scoping document is in the process of being drafted for this review.

4. Scrutiny Review on Generation of Energy/ Renewable Energy

Recently full Committee resolved 'to continue to review the opportunities for generating green energy including solid recovered fuel as part of the Task and Finish Group

established by the Economic Development and Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee. To report back to Cabinet following that review having evaluated what green energy options could be actively pursued based on a sound financial business case.'

It is proposed that the following the review on Corporate Carbon Reduction referred to above, steps will be taken to take Council's proposed review forward.

It is notable that the Committee has already embarked upon a review on the 'Generation of Energy', and the information obtained is set out in a series of evidence sheets. It was agreed in the summer that that review would be taken forward pending the development of the original scoping document (reference EDE-SCR-17). Consequently the latest proposal may be able to build upon the evidence already obtained by Members.

5. Highways Service Transformation Programme

After full Council on 14 December Members have been invited to a briefing organised by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation on the Highways Service Transformation Programme. Committee Members are encouraged to take part in that briefing as the issues being raised will be pertinent to this particular Forward Look.

Action required by the Committee:

The Committee is requested to consider the approval of the attached scoping documents referred to above for inclusion in its Forward Look.

**Economic Development and Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee:
Forward Look for 2010/2011 (as at 1 December 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>			
Autumn	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)	Await reply/ briefing commissioned from Cabinet Member, then Group meetings to be set up
Autumn	Use of Inert Waste for Recreational Development (EDE-SCR-07)	Task & Finish Group gathering evidence (Minute 44/ September 2009)	Ongoing draft report to be completed for consideration by the Committee consideration
14 December 2010	Highways Service Transformation Programme	Joint briefing with Safer and Stronger Communities PSC, open to all County Councillors, to provide overview of changes proposed to the Highways Service	
15 December	Local Transport Plan (EDE-SCR-22)	Joint Task and Finish Group with Safer and Stronger Communities PSC to consider proposed new LTP	Group wishes to undertake further investigation
16 December	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway. (EDE-SCR-16)	Invite representatives of Road User Groups to provide feedback on their perspective of situation in Essex	Ongoing evidence gathering

	Forward Look	Consider new proposals and scoping documents for scrutiny review	
	Generation of Energy/ Renewable energy (EDE-SCR-17)	To be included as part of Forward Look	Ongoing – New scoping document to be drafted
2011			
20 January	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
24 February	Banking on Essex (EDE-SCR-23)	Review outcomes of scrutiny report (Minute 37/ July 2010)	Scoping document to be considered at December meeting
	Post Offices Initiative (EDE-SCR-24)	New scrutiny review	Scoping document to be considered at December meeting
	Relationship with Statutory Undertakers in the way works are undertaken in the highway. (EDE-SCR-16)	Details to be confirmed depending upon evidence obtained from earlier meetings.	Ongoing
17 March	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		
28 April	Committee meeting/ activity day scheduled		

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	Essex Legacy from 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games(EDE-SCR-04)	Scrutiny Review completed. Principle of monitoring approach agreed April 2010	Ongoing
Active	Local Transport Plan (EDE-SCR-22)	Joint Task and Finish Group established with Safer and Stronger Communities PSC (Minute 54/ October 2010	Ongoing
Details to be confirmed	Corporate CO2 Reduction and Energy Efficiency (EDE-SCR-21)	Agreed at Committee meeting on 23 September	Group to be chaired by Cllr McEwen

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
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. However, there may be issues	No further action at the present time Monitored - Minute 30/June 2010

		arising from the Commission's recommendations that may be included in future in the Forward Look	
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
September 2010	Bus Telematics (EDE-SCR-02)	Scrutiny Review completed Monitor outcomes April 2010	No further action
October 2010	Corporate Scorecard: Jobs and Foreign Direct Investment (LI 015)	Scorecard referral (Minute 53/October 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 (This was agreed in principle at September meeting and details will be developed in due course. It

has been suggested that the Park and Ride scheme might be the focus of any review as it would enable the Committee to review how schemes may be managed, operated and financed (including subsidisation).