

Environment & Infrastructure Select Committee – Forward Work Programme 2017/18



Topic	Scrutiny method	Timescale	Involvement of other committees	Expected outcome
Preparation of the new Surrey Waste Local Plan- draft plan consultation	Formal report	5 October 2017	N/A	<p>As part of preparing the new SWLP, members' input is required as part of preparing the plan this includes making sure officers have E&I SC's views on the Draft Plan, and appropriate responses, before reporting to Cabinet. An MRG under the previous Scrutiny Board (EPEH) was also set up to help get member's views on the Equalities Impact Assessment and consultation process and to raise the profile of the new SWLP.</p> <p>The Issues and Options Consultation for the SWLP was brought to the Scrutiny Board in June 2016 for consideration and a summary of the responses was reported in January 2017.</p>
Smarter working for the environment: Policy Statement and Annual Progress report	Formal report	5 October 2017	N/A	<p>To inform members of progress in the delivery of the 'Smarter Working for the Environment' Action Plan, which sets out how the council is taking an integrated, informed and pragmatic approach to environmental sustainability</p> <p>To provide political oversight of the council's progress towards environmental sustainability, following through with the commitment for select committee scrutiny as stated in the 'Smarter Working for the Environment' policy approved by Cabinet in 2016. It is not anticipated that this item will be taken to Cabinet.</p>

Waste 2018/19 Financial Arrangements	Formal Report	5 October 2017	N/A	For the Select Committee to scrutinise value for money and proposals to change the current system whereby Surrey pay D&Bs statutory recycling credits to reflect the fact that, by collecting recycling and selling it themselves they are taking waste out of the system. The proposal is to take all of their recycling (and get a better price for it through economies of scale) and therefore not to pay them the credits and thereby save £4m. The item will be going to Cabinet in November for a decision.
Introduction of vehicle charging on the Countryside estate	Formal Report	29 November 2017	N/A	To scrutinise the potential introduction of parking charges across the Surrey Countryside estate.
Basingstoke Canal Update	Formal report	29 November 2017	N/A	To make a recommendation to Cabinet on the sustainable future management solution for the Basingstoke Canal and make recommendations regarding the long term strategy and business objectives for the Canal.

Committee groups:

Basingstoke Canal Task Group: (Members- Cllr Bob Gardner, Cllr Richard Wilson, Cllr Stephen Cooksey)

To consider the most effective governance option for Surrey County Council in relation to the Basingstoke Canal of which the council is a joint owner. Recommendations of this Task Group will enable the county council to decide whether they continue their involvement with the Basingstoke Canal or make changes to the current joint ownership model.

Countryside Management Member Reference Group: (Members- Cllr Bob Gardner, Cllr Matt Furniss, Cllr Richard Wilson, Cllr Stephen Cooksey)

To report to the Select Committee with recommendations to advise the Cabinet Member on the changes required to the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT)/Surrey County Council (SCC) Agreement and its governance, to ensure that it is fit for purpose for the remainder of its term. *The MRG meets on an ad hoc basis as and when the service requires support.*

Topics to be scheduled/Additional topics for the forward plan-

- Surrey Waste Local Plan- results of the draft plan consultation (May 2018)
- Street lights- switching off
- Flood defence and recovery
- Income Generation
- Countryside Review
- Rights of Way
- Air Quality

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