

Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee Forward Work Programme 2024 – 2025

Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee | Chairman: Jonathan Hulley | Scrutiny Officer: Dilip Agarwal
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Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Outcome	Relevant Organisation al Priority	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
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17 July 2024

	Policy Development	1. Road Safety Strategy & Speed Limit Policy – Consultation Results	Outcomes of public consultation on new Road Safety Strategy & 20mph policy, launched January 2024.	The Committee to provide feedback on the outcomes of the consultation and to seek an update on the issues of i) Funding and ii) Community Engagement which were recommendations from December 2023 Committee Session.		Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth Katie Stewart, Executive Director for Environment, Growth, Land, Property and Infrastructure
	Performance Review	2. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report	To provide the Select Committee with performance information on the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.	The Committee to review the performance, provide oversight and feedback.	Empowering communities Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Kevin Deanus, Cabinet Member for the Fire Service Dan Quin, Chief Fire Officer Bernadette Beckett, Chief of Staff
	Progress Report	3. Your Fund Surrey Update	To provide the Select Committee with a progress report on YFS allocations, changes to the scheme since Committee scrutiny in December 2022 and a response to the Committee’s recommendations.	The Committee to review the performance and development of this scheme and provide oversight and feedback.	Empowering communities	Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety

	Progress Report	4. Utilities Implementation Update				Deputy Cabinet Member, Cllr Hulley
	Progress Report	5. Verge-Cutting Programme Update				Deputy Cabinet Member, Cllr Bax
15 October 2024						
	Pre-decision scrutiny	1.Surrey Transport Plan (LTP4) Delivery Plan	First sight of the new Surrey Transport Plan Delivery Plan. Committee reviewed the approach to developing the delivery plan in October 2023. To include: EV rollout update and review of progress to align highways policies with LTP4.	The Committee to provide input on the new delivery plan.		Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member Katie Stewart, Executive Director
	Progress report	2.Climate Change Delivery Plan Annual update	To receive a whole programme assessment annual progress report on the Climate Change Delivery Plan. To cover Greener Futures Communication and Engagement Strategy issues and update on Committee recommendations.	The Committee to provide its feedback progress against the Plan.	Enabling a greener future	Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment Katie Stewart, Executive Director – Environment, Transport & Infrastructure Carolyn McKenzie, Director – Environment
IN PRIVATE AFTERNOON	Budget	3.Budget Briefing (no. 2)	Informal Budget Briefing Session To consider deep-dive recommendations to inform draft budget proposals.			
December 2024						
	Budget Scrutiny	1.Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy	Select Committee to receive draft budget proposals for 2023/24.	The Select Committee scrutinises the Council’s budget proposals, provides feedback and makes recommendations, if required.	Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	David Lewis, Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

	Pre Scrutiny	2.SFRS a) Draft Community Risk Management Plan b) Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report	Members Development Session April prior to Public Consultation on new CRMP May-July 2024. Proposals to be presented to CLT and icab October 2024.	The Committee to review and input into new CRMP prior to Cabinet Approval in January and full Council March 2025	Empowering communities Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Denise Turner-Stewart Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety Dan Quin, Chief Fire Officer Bernadette Beckett, Chief of Staff
TBC	Pre- decision	3. The County Deal	To update on progress made and the devolution agenda. Council decision due early 2025.			
February 2025						
tbc	Pre-Decision	1.Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Review interest after 5 Feb Briefing session and decide how to factor into Scrutiny plans. Plan under consultation. Due to be approved and finalised end March 2025.			
Tbc	Strategy Update	2.Waste Infrastructure Update				
tbc	Policy Development	3.Climate Change Adaption Plan To receive a report that sets out how Surrey needs to adapt and build resilience to the impacts of climate change such as increased flooding, droughts, heatwaves and wildfires.	The committee to provide its feedback on the proposed Climate Change Adaptation Plan.	Empowering communities Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit. Enabling a greener future	Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment Katie Stewart, Executive Director for Environment, Transport & Infrastructure Carolyn McKenzie – Director, Environment.	

15 July 2024	Site Visit	RINGWAY & PARKING ENFORCEMENT	To provide Committee an update on Highways maintenance issues management and parking enforcement and an overview of relevant systems.			
May 2024 Now October 24		Greener Futures – Communications & Engagement Strategy <i>To be considered initially at GFRG followed by an update to the CEHS Committee in October as part of the Climate Change item.</i>	Recommendation from 5 July Committee Session on Greener Finance Strategy: that the Committee requests an update on progress in early 2024 including on the Communications & Engagement Strategy and steps taken to engage residents on Net Zero. This should cover actions taken to implement the Climate Action Motion agreed by Council in July 2022 tabled by Lance Spencer.	The Greener Futures Group Manager <u>committed to an update on progress to the committee in early 2024</u> to include an update on the Communications and Engagement approach and strategy. 25/09/2023.	Enabling a Greener Future	Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment Carolyn McKenzie, Director – Environment
Mid September	Committee Briefing	London Road	To update the Committee on decision being made on Section 1 – September Cabinet 2024.			
Autumn 2024	Written Update	LEP transition Update	LEPs will formally transfer in April 24. <i>Agreed Written update to be provided in the autumn once transactional change has worked through.</i> Background: Recommendation from December 2024 Committee session that an update on LEP integration is provided to the Committee by May 2024.	The Committee: <i>“Endorses the planned governance review of the One Surrey Growth Board and the vital importance of ensuring local business voices and needs are at the heart of decision making and arrangements going forward. Requests the Cabinet Member/Service to report back to the Committee on ‘business voice’ and on progress more broadly with integration by the end of this Municipal year (May 2024).”</i>	Empowering communities Growing a sustainable economy so everyone can benefit	Matt Furniss, Cabinet Michael Coughlin, Executive Director, Partnerships, Prosperity and Growth
Autumn 2024	Written Update	Housing strategy Progress Update	Recommendation from 4 December 2024 Committee session that Cabinet Member report back to the Committee on progress against the Strategy at or before the October 2024 Committee session, including	The Committee to review progress, provide oversight and feedback.	Empowering communities Growing a sustainable	Denise Turner-Stewart, Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety

			<p>on progress against workstream KPIs for the SCC Programme for Housing.</p> <p>Additional recommendation for the Service to report back to the Committee on progress to engage Districts and Boroughs on the Housing Strategy and resolve outstanding issues by May 2025.</p>		economy so everyone can benefit	Michael Coughlin, Executive Director of Prosperity, Partnerships and Growth
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ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED:

TBC (feb 25 tbc)	Pre-Decision	Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Review interest after 5 Feb Briefing session and decide how to factor into Scrutiny plans. Plan under consultation. Due to be approved and finalised end March 2025.			
TBC	Policy development	The Nature recovery strategy to include countryside, rural matters and land management.	To review draft Nature recovery strategy and provide input to development.			
TBC	Progress Update	Registrars Service Update	Rationalisation of the Registrars Service including modifying the Estate. Review of income.			
TBC	Progress Update	Partnership in Towns Update	Update on developing approach following Committee Workshop in April 2024.			
TBC	Progress Update	River Thames Scheme	Update Members on the scheme. Some local opposition to aspects.			

SPECIAL SESSIONS ON UTILITIES (Private): The Select Committee has set up a time limited series of Special Sessions on Utilities with a focus on achieving better alignment of Surrey’s and the Utilities strategic priorities in order to support and facilitate Surreys growth and net zero ambitions, as well as improving residents well being. Utilities are defined as water, energy, telecoms. The aim of the Special Sessions are to identify:

- what is going well and what the issues are and how these can be better managed, resolved and mitigated
- a set of joint actions to progress more collaborative strategic planning with a strong place based focus
- a future mechanism for strategic engagement

January 2024	Water Scrutiny	Special Session on Water & Waste	To Committee to probe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better coordination of operational works - Better communication between stakeholders & engagement with the public esp in emergency - Waste management, harmful discharge/sewage overflows & long term environmental improvements - More effective & resilient strategic planning - Understanding vulnerable customers 			Thames Water Affinity Water South East Water SES Water Water Resources South East
April 2024	Energy Scrutiny	Special Session on Energy	To Committee to probe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better coordination of operational works - Better communication between stakeholders & engagement with the public esp in emergency - Grid Connections - LEAP development - More effective & resilient strategic planning - Understanding vulnerable customers 			SSE SGN Cadent UKPN
October TBC	Digital/ Telecoms Scrutiny	Special Session on Digital/Telecoms				
	Regulators & Government	Special Session with Local Government, Government & Regulators				

BUDGET SCRUTINY 2024

1 July 2024	Budget Scrutiny	Informal Budget Briefing				
July-August	Budget Scrutiny	Informal Budget Deep Dives				

15 October 2024	Budget Scrutiny	Informal Budget Briefing (to follow public session)				
5 December 2024	Budget Scrutiny	Public Committee Session to Review draft Budget.				

GREENER FUTURES REFERENCE GROUP						
31 July 2024		Greener Futures Investment Plan				
October tbc						
January 2025 tbc						
April 2025 tbc						

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