

Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee

Forward Work Programme 2024 – 2025

Chairman: Keith Witham | Scrutiny Officer: Dilip Agarwal
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Date of Meeting	Type of Scrutiny	Issue for Scrutiny	Purpose	Outcome	Relevant Organisational Priority	Cabinet Member/Lead Officer
February 2025						
12 February 2025	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 of March 2025.	Progress check on progress of the proposed improvements.	Enabling a greener future Empowered and thriving communities	Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment Simon Crowther, Director for Environment Property and Growth Carolyn McKenzie, Director for Environment
	Strategy Update	Waste Infrastructure Update			Enabling a greener future	Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment Simon Crowther, Director for Environment Property and Growth Carolyn McKenzie, Director for Environment

	Policy Development	Climate Change Adaption Plan	<p>The committee to provide its feedback on the proposed Climate Change Adaptation Plan.</p> <p>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.</p>	The Committee is reassured that the Council's adaption strategy is realised and that the Committee is able to endorse a robust plan.	<p>Empowered and thriving communities</p> <p>Empowered and thriving communities</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Katie Stewart, Executive Director for Environment, Transport & Infra-structure</p> <p>Carolyn McKenzie, Director for Environment</p>
April 2025						
TBC						

WRITTEN UPDATES or INFORMAL BRIEFING SESSION or VISITS or WORKSHOPS

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TBC		<p>Greener Futures – Communications & Engagement Strategy</p> <p>To be considered initially at GFRG followed by an update to the CEHS Committee in October as part of the Climate Change item.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This should cover actions taken to implement the Climate Action Motion agreed by Council in July 2022 tabled by Lance Spencer.</p>	The Greener Futures Group Manager committed to an update on progress to the committee in early 2024 to include an update on the Communications and Engagement approach and strategy. 25/09/2023.	Enabling a Greener Future	<p>Marisa Heath, Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Carolyn McKenzie, Director – Environment</p>

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED

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TBC	<p>Pre-decision</p> <p><i>(Moved out from October session)</i></p>	Surrey Transport Delivery Plan (Local Transport Plan 4)	<p>First sight of the new Surrey Transport Delivery Plan. Committee reviewed the approach to developing the de-livery plan in October 2023.</p> <p>To include: EV rollout up-date and review of progress to align highways policies with LTP4.</p>	The Committee to provide input on the new delivery plan.		<p>Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member</p> <p>Own Jenkins, Director Highways Infrastructure & Planning</p> <p>Paul Millin, Lucie Monie.</p>
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	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.			
TBC	Pre-scrutiny	Surrey Fire and Rescue Service Performance Update	Update Members on the performance status of the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.			

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’ wellbeing. Utilities are defined as water, energy, telecoms. The aim of the Special Sessions is 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

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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 dis-charge/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

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February 2025	Digital/ Telecoms Scrutiny	Report on Digital/Telecoms				
TBD	Regulators & Government	Special Session with Local Government, Government & Regulators				

BUDGET SCRUTINY SESSION FOR 2024

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1 July 2024	Budget Scrutiny	Informal Budget Briefing	-			
September 2024	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.	-			