

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2019/20

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Note:

Overview and Scrutiny Review – A systematic six-monthly review of progress against recommendations/action plan

Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth review/light touch review

Overview/progress – Information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review

Performance/Budget – Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets

	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
Overview and Scrutiny Review				
Overview and Progress				
Strategic Walking and Cycle Delivery Plan	ESC OSC 12 July 2019	Dave Wafer/Victoria Lloyd Gent (ReaL)	Members will be provided with detail of progress made in relation to the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan.	The committee provided comments on the plan and will be made aware of how the plan has developed including progress made in relation to the committee's comments.

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Single Use Plastics	ESC OSC 4 October 2019 Possible Special in May/June TBC	Oliver Sherratt/ Victoria Burrell (ReaL)	To provide members with an update on progress made in relation to the actions identified in the Environment Partnership Task Group report 'Phasing Out Unnecessary Single Use Plastics'.	The committee agreed to monitor the progress made against the action plan of the 'Phasing Out Unnecessary Single Use Plastics' report of the Environment Partnership.
Fly-tipping	Special ESC OSC 4 November 2019	Ian Hoult (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of current fly-tipping statistics and various initiatives undertaken by DCC and partners to tackle this issue.	Members will be aware of how DCC and partners are targeting fly-tipping in the county and the results to date.
Spruce Up	Special ESC OSC 4 November 2019	Ian Hoult (ReaL)	The committee has received detail of the Spruce Up project previously and will be provided with an evaluation of the project.	The committee will be able to monitor the performance of the Spruce Up project via the evaluation of the project.
Woodlands	ESC OSC 9 November 2019	Sue Mullinger (ReaL)	The committee will be provided with detail of DCC's woodland	Members will be made aware of any changes in DCC's woodland management and the

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			Management including the Woodland Revival Project.	impact of the Woodland Revival Project in County Durham, revitalising the forestry sector
Air Quality	Special ESC OSC 8 January 2020 (Invite all O&S members)	Denyse Holman David Gribben (ReaL)	To provide members of the committee with further detail of air quality management arrangements in County Durham.	Members will be aware of progress made in relation to the air quality management arrangements in County Durham.
Climate Emergency Response Report	ESC OSC 4 October 2019 (all OSC members invited to attend) Special ESC OSC 8 January 2020 (Invite all O&S members) Possible Special in May/June	Oliver Sherratt/ Maggie Bosanquet (ReaL)	The committee will receive information on the progress of the plan and of the ongoing consultation and for the committee to provide a formal response to the consultation.	Members will be updated with the progress of the Climate Emergency Response Plan and have an opportunity to comment on the consultation as part of a formal response from the committee.

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	TBC (Invite all O&S members)			
Carbon Management Plan	Special ESC OSC 8 January 2020 (Invite all O&S members)	Oliver Sherratt/Maggie Bosanquet/ Stephen McDonald/Rosalind Farrow (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of projects undertaken by DCC to reduce its carbon emissions.	Members will be aware of the progress made by DCC in reducing carbon emissions.
DCC Fleet - Management	Special ESC OSC 8 January 2020 (Invite all O&S members)	Oliver Sherratt/Michael Toas (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of how DCC's Fleet is managed including detail of measures implemented to reduce carbon emissions.	Members will be aware of how DCC's fleet is managed and work currently undertaken to reduce carbon emission and future plans to further reduce emissions.
Community Action Team (CAT)	ESC OSC 20 April 2020	Jennifer Jones/Neil Laws (ReaL)	To provide members of the committee with detail of the work undertaken by the	The committee will be informed of the ongoing work of the CAT team and how the use of targeted

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	(Invite S&S OSC members)		CAT team and the use of targeted interventions.	interventions can benefit local communities.
Leisure Centres - management	ESC OSC 24 January 2020	Steve Howell (ReaL)	To provide members with an overview of the management approach to be used in our leisure centres.	Members will be aware of DCC's approach to managing leisure centres in the county.
BEEP 2	ESC OSC 24 January 2020 (Invite E&E OSC members) TBC	Maggie Bosanquet (ReaL)	To provide members with information in relation to a new project on Business Energy Efficiency Project.	Members will be made aware of the new project and the parameters in which it works.
Flood Risk Management Authorities (FRMAs) for County Durham	ESC OSC 3 February, 2020.	John Reed/Brian Weatherall (ReaL) Northumbrian Water Limited & Environment Agency.	Members of the committee will receive further information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham on current and future projects, funding, partnership working and any issue/challenges.	The committee will be undertaking its role as the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Committee for County Durham.

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Fuel Poverty	ESC OSC 9 March 2020 (Invite E&E OSC and AWH OSC members) TBC	Cliff Duff/ Adrian Cattle-Jones (ReaL)	The committee will receive current information on fuel poverty in the county and a progress update on the various projects running in the county to help tackle this issue.	Members will be made aware of the current level of fuel poverty in the county and the various projects taking place and planned to help tackle this issue.
Environment Partnership Priorities	ESC OSC 9 March 2020	Oliver Sherratt/Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the partnership's priorities. The partnership will have the opportunity to comment on the committee's 2019/2020 work programme and identify any gaps.	Members will know the priorities of the partnership for the coming year and be assured that their work programme reflects these priorities.
Gala Theatre	ESC OSC 9 March 2020	Steve Howell (ReaL)	To provide members with information on the proposed future management of the Gala Theatre.	Members will be aware of proposals for the future management of the Gala theatre including work to be undertaken to address future challenges.

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External Low Carbon Funding	ESC OSC 9 March 2020	Maggie Bosanquet	The Committee will receive information on successful funding bids for low carbon projects and how projects are progressing.	Members will be aware of funding bids for low carbon projects approved and how they are progressing.
Heritage Assets	Special ESC OSC 16 March 2020	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	The Committee will receive detail of the County's Heritage Assets including challenges and opportunities.	Members will be aware of various heritage assets in County Durham and how they are managed including any future opportunities and challenges.
Heritage Coast	Special ESC OSC 16 March 2020	Niall Benson (ReaL)	A further update on progress made in relation to various projects on the Heritage Coast will be provided to members.	Members will have knowledge of the various ongoing projects on the Heritage Coast and will receive detail of future projects.
Highways maintenance	ESC OSC 20 April 2020	John Reed/Brian Buckley (ReaL)	Members will receive further detail of the work currently undertaken and issues/challenges in	The committee will be able to monitor the progress made by the authority in relation to highways and

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	(Invite E&E OSC members)		relation to highways and bridge maintenance.	bridge maintenance in the county.
Visit – Heritage Assets	March 2020 TBC	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will be given the opportunity to visit various heritage sites in the county. This will link to an overview of Heritage Assets to be provided to the committee.	Members will be able to see how DCC and partners manages heritage assets in the county.
Visit – Lanchester Wines	April/May TBC	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will be provided with the opportunity to see how a company in County Durham is using wind and solar power.	Members will be able to see first-hand how a local business is using both wind and solar power in the county.
Performance				
Performance Q 4 Q 1 Q 2	12July 2019 4 Oct 2019 24 Jan 2020	Tom Gorman/Debra Kitching		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going

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Q 3	20 April 2020			well, and those giving cause for concern).
Budget Outturn				
Budget Outturn Q 4 & Q1 Q 2 Q 3	4 Oct 2019 24 Jan 2020 20 April 2020	Phil Curran		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings.