

<p>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</p> <p>Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman Overview and Scrutiny Officers: Diane Close and Ann Whitton</p> <p>Oliver Sherratt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More and Better Jobs • People live long and independent lives • Connected Communities 			<p>Note:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Review – A systematic six-monthly review of progress against recommendations/action plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth review/light touch review</p> <p>Overview/progress – Information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance/Budget – Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets</p>		
Item	When	Priority during COVID-19 response period	Who	Outcome	Comment
Focused/Special meetings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • report to ESC • briefing report to ESC members via email 			

Ecological Emergency	2 special meetings dates TBC	Reports /presentations to ESC OSC	Stuart Priestly Steve Bhowmick Oliver Sherratt	Members will receive detail of the methodology used to gather information/data on the decline in natural habitats and will have had the opportunity to consider the methodology together with the relevant information/data provided Members will also consider any additional information/data which they have requested and determine what recommendations will be made to Cabinet	Members will have informed the methodology for the collection of the information/data, considered the information and data provided and will have made recommendations to Cabinet
Overview/ Progress					
Key areas of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change (NCC) Service Grouping and Impact of COVID-19	16 July 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Alan Patrickson (NCC)	Members will receive detail of key services within the NCC Service Grouping together with an update on the impact of COVID-19 on those key service areas, the service response and future plans	Members will be aware of the key services within the NCC Service Grouping and the impact of COVID-19 on those key service areas and the service response taken

					including future planned actions
Environment and Climate Change Partnership	16 July 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Jon Gluyas/ Peter Samsom//Steve Bhowmick/Glenn Robinson (NCC)	Members will receive information on the recent review of the partnership's structure, governance arrangements, development of work streams to align to the vision, current position and next steps	Members will be aware of the recent review of the Partnership's structure and governance arrangements, development of the various work streams to align the partnerships activities to the vision, the current position and next steps
Community Action Team	July 2021	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and S&S OSC members	Jennifer Jones (NCC)	The Committee will receive a progress update that will detail the activity of Community Action Team in delivery the programme across the County	Members will continue to monitor the various CAT programmes across County Durham
Climate Emergency Response Plan and Carbon Management Plan (including detail of any further	8 October 2021	Report to ESC OSC (E&E O&S members invited to attend)	Stephen McDonald/ Rosalind Farrow (NCC)	The Committee will receive information on progress made against the actions identified in both plans and identify whether additional	Members will monitor progress made on actions identified in both plans and any further progress

development of the Climate Emergency Work Stream of the ECCP)				actions need to be included. In addition, Members will receive detail of any progress made by the Climate Emergency Workstream of the ECCP (detail of the development of this workstream was provided to ESC OSC in July 2021)	made by the Climate Emergency Workstream of the ECCP
Renewable Energy Including detail of the Seaham Garden Village Project	8 October 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Stephen McDonald (NCC)	Members will receive information on various renewable schemes being undertaken in the county including detail of the Seaham Garden Village project together with detail of any future projects, identifying and discussing any additional opportunities	The Committee will have knowledge of various renewable energy projects being undertaken in the county and any future projects

Winter maintenance	October 2021	Briefing Report	Paul Watson/ Paul Anderson (NCC)	The Committee will receive information on the arrangements for winter maintenance in the county	Members will be aware of the policies and procedures in place for delivering winter maintenance in the County
EU and other Low carbon funding	October 2021	Briefing Report	Maggie Bosanquet (NCC)	Members will receive detail of EU and other funding used to develop projects/initiatives in the county	Members will continue to monitor the various funded projects/initiatives in the county
Fuel Poverty	October 2021	Briefing Report to ESC OSC, AWH and E&E OSC members	Cliff Duff (REG)	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 continue to monitor the current level of fuel poverty in the county and the various projects taking place and planned to help tackle this issue
Strategic Waste Management	24 November 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Oliver Sherratt/John Shannon (NCC)	Members will receive information of the waste management arrangements in the County and future plans, giving members the opportunity to	Members will continue to monitor waste management arrangements in the County

				discuss the Council's approach and whether it can be improved	
Single Use Plastics (SUPs)	24 November 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Oliver Sherratt/ Victoria Burrell (NCC)	Members will receive information providing an update of progress made against the various actions identified in the SUPs action plan and whether there are additional areas for inclusion	The Committee continues to scrutinise progress made against the actions within the SUPs action plan
Fly-tipping	24 November 2021	Report to ESC OSC	Ian Hoult (NCC)	Members will receive information on fly-tipping in the county including: incidents of fly-tipping; reporting process; removal of fly-tipping; enforcement and relevant performance data. The committee will be able to discuss the Council's approach and whether it can be improved	The Committee will continue to monitor the issue of fly-tipping in the county and consider how effective current schemes are in tackling this issue

Environmental Campaigns	December 2021	Briefing Report	Ian Hault (NCC)	Members will receive information on various environmental campaigns including Civic Pride together with detail of any challenges and future plans	Members will be able to monitor the various environmental campaigns in the county and determine how successful they have been
Bereavement Services	December 2021	Briefing Report	Ian Hault/Graham Harrison (NCC)	Members will receive an update in relation to DCC's Bereavement Services including detail of any challenges within the service	The Committee will continue to monitor delivery of bereavement services in the county
Leisure Centre Programme	18 January 2022	Report to ESC OSC (E&E OSC members invited to attend)	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark (REG)	Members will receive a progress update on the leisure centres improvement programme, discuss the Council's approach and whether it needs to be improved and identify any future consultation opportunities	Members will continue to monitor the progress of this programme and contribute to any future consultation

Leisure Strategy	18 January 2022	Report to ESC OSC (E&E OSC members invited to attend)	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark (REG)	Members will receive information on the new Leisure Strategy giving members the opportunity to comment on the strategy and inform its further development	Members will be aware of the aims and objectives within the Leisure Strategy and will have had the opportunity to inform the future development of the strategy
Heritage Coast and Tourism Offer	February 2022	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Niall Benson/Michelle Gorman (NCC ®)	The Committee will receive information on the development of the Heritage Coast and proposals for the future, including, plans for building the tourism offer	Members will continue to monitor work undertaken on the Heritage Coast to build the tourism offer
Museums & Libraries	February 2022	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Alison Clark (REG)	To provide members with information on the work of the service grouping in delivering library and museums services in the County including the challenges resulting from the pandemic	The Committee will be aware of museum and library provision in the County

History Centre	February 2022	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Alison Clark (REG)	Members will receive information on the progress of the History Centre	Members will be aware of the progress of the History Centre
Lumiere	February 2022	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Alison Clark (REG)	Members will receive detail of the Lumiere event	Members will be aware of the Lumiere event
Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentennial celebrations	February 2022	Briefing Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Alison Clark (REG)	Members will receive a progress update on the activities undertaken and planned for the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentennial Celebrations in 2025	The Committee will be aware and will be able to monitor the progress of various activities undertaken by DCC and partners to commemorate the Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentennial
Theatres	February 2022	Brief to be circulated to ESC OSC and E&E	Alison Clark/Helen Ross (REG)	Members will receive a progress update on the future management of the Gala Theatre and	Members will be aware of proposals for the management of the Gala Theatre and

		OSC members		other Theatres under DCC management including the challenges resulting from the pandemic and future plans	other Theatres under DCC management including work undertaken to address the impact of COVID and future management plans
DCC's management of allotments	February 2022	Brief to be circulated to ESC OSC members with a report to come to ESC OSC in 2022/23	Ian Hoults/Mark Farren (NCC)	Members will receive information on changes to allotment management and detail of the key findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Review looking at DCC's proposed allotment policy (with a view to an update on the recommendations in the report to come to committee in 2022/23)	The Committee will be updated on any changes in relation to the management of DCC's allotment portfolio. In addition, members will be aware of the key findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Review looking at DCC's proposed allotment policy with a view to an update on the recommendations being presented to committee in 2022/23

Highways, Bridge & Footpath Maintenance	28 March 2022	Report to ESC OSC (E&E OSC members invited to attend)	Paul Watson/ Paul Anderson (NCC)	Members will receive information on DCC's approach to managing highways, bridge and footpath maintenance in the County. The committee will discuss the approach to determine whether it can be improved	The Committee will continue to monitor and scrutinise the progress made by the authority in relation to highways, bridge and footpath maintenance
Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project (SLERP)	28 March 2022	Report to ESC OSC (E&E OSC members invited to attend)	Paul Watson (NCC)	Members will receive an update on the SLERP including the current situation regarding the removal of lighting columns	The committee will continue to scrutinise the performance of the SLERP including the criteria for the removal of lighting columns
Air Quality Management	April 2022	Briefing Report	Denyse Holman/Dave Wafer (NCC)	Members will receive information on air quality management arrangements in County Durham	Members will continue to monitor the air quality management arrangements in County Durham including progress on the actions identified in the Air Quality Action Plan

DCC Fleet	April 2022	Brief to be circulated to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	(NCC)	The Committee will receive an update on the management of DCC's Fleet including detail of measures implemented to reduce carbon emissions	Members will continue to monitor the management of DCC's fleet including the introduction of ULEVs
Sustainable Travel – Walking and Cycling Plan	April 2022	Brief to be circulated to ESC OSC members	Dave Wafer/Victoria Lloyd Gent (REG)	Members will receive information on progress made in relation to the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan and local plans.	The Committee will continue to scrutinise progress made against the actions within the relevant plan.
Ecological Emergency (including detail of the Ecological Emergency Workstream and the Place, Health and Community Workstream of the ECCP)	13 May 2022	Report to ESC OSC	Steve Bhowmick/Stuart Priestly/Environment and Climate Change Partnership	Members will receive information on work undertaken by DCC and partners (including the Environment and Climate Change Partnership) in responding to the ecological emergency. Members will also receive information on the Brightwater Landscape Project which is active in the county	Members will understand how DCC and partners are responding to the Ecological Emergency including consideration of appropriate projects taking place in the county such as the Brightwater Landscape Project

Woodland management	May 2022	Briefing Report	Sue Mullinger (NCC)	Members will receive detail of DCC's woodland management in the county	The Committee will continue to monitor DCC's management of its woodland estate
Flood Risk Management Authorities	May 2022	Briefing Report	Brian Weatherall/Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water (NCC)	Members will receive further information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities (FRMAs) for County Durham on current and future projects, funding, partnership working and any issue/challenges	The Committee will continue to monitor the work undertaken by the FRMAs in partnership to alleviate flood risk in the County
Integrated Transport Management	Joint Special meeting Spring 2022 with E&E OSC members TBC	Report to ESC OSC and E&E OSC members	Amy Harhoff/Peter Ollivere/ Craig MacLennan/Stephen McDonald/Victoria Lloyd-Gent (REG and NCC)	Members will receive information of DCC's plans in relation to Integrated Transport Management and will identify and discuss as to whether the Council's approach can be improved	Members will have an understanding of DCC's plans relating to integrated transport management
Performance/Budget					

Performance Quarterly reporting	Sept/Oct 2021 Jan 2022 March 2022 TBC	Report to ESC OSC	Tom Gorman (Resources)	To provide Members with progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework.	Summary information to Members
Budget Outturn Report Quarterly reporting -	Sept/Oct 2021 Jan 2022 March 2022 TBC	Report to ESC OSC	Phil Curran (Resources)	Detail of budget	Summary information to Members
Minutes					
Environment and Climate Change Partnership	TBC	Minutes to be circulated to ESC OSC members	Partnership Team	Members will be kept updated on the activity of the partnership	The Committee will be aware of activity undertaken by the partnership