

## Appendix 2

<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24</b></p> <p>Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p><b>Lead Officer: Stephen Gwilym</b>  <b>Overview and Scrutiny Officers:</b> Diane Close and Ann Whitton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More and Better Jobs</li> <li>• People live long and independent lives</li> <li>• Connected Communities</li> </ul>	<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>Informal Information Sessions – Presentation via Teams on areas that fall within the remit of the committee</p> <p>Briefing Reports – Reports for information on areas within the remit of the work programme</p> <p>Possible Visits – Visits identified to areas to provide a better understanding of an item</p> <p>Performance/Budget – Ongoing quarterly monitoring performance reports/budgets</p>
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Item	When	Priority	Who	Outcome	Comment
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Review</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• report to ESC</li> <li>• briefing report to ESC members via email</li> </ul>			
New area for focused review TBC	The committee will need to consider	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

	and determine an area for focused review				
<b>Overview/ Progress</b>					
Woodland management	21 July 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Sue Mullinger (NCC)	Members will receive detail of DCC's management of its woodland estate.	The Committee will continue to monitor DCC's management of its woodland estate.
Tree Management Policy	21 July 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Ged Lawson (NCC)	Members will receive detail of DCC's current tree management policy.	The Committee will be updated on current tree management policy within the county.
Highways, Footways and Bridge Maintenance	5 October 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Mark Readman/ Paul Watson/ Paul Anderson (NCC)	Members will receive information on DCC's approach and performance in managing highways, bridge and footpath maintenance in the County.	The Committee will continue to monitor and scrutinise the progress and performance of the authority.
Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project (SLERP)	5 October 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Mark Readman/ Paul Watson/ Paul Anderson (NCC)	Members will receive an update on the progress of to SLERP phase 2.	The committee will be able to scrutinise the performance of the SLERP phase 2 and ensure that it is

					achieving the targets and objectives set for the project.
Ecological Emergency Update	24 November 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Stuart Priestley  (NCC)	Members will be updated on progress made in relation to the actions contained in the Ecological Emergency Action Plan including those actions linked to the recommendations of the O&S Ecological Emergency Review report.	The committee will continue to monitor and comment on the progress of the Ecological Emergency Action Plan.
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	24 November 2023	Report to ESCOSC	Jim Cockill/ Steve Bhowmick/ Stuart Priestley  (NCC)	Members will receive information in relation to the development of the LNRS including work to promote the development of the strategy to the	The committee will scrutinise the progress of the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy including any work being undertaken to promote/publicise the strategy to the

				residents of County Durham.	residents of the County Durham.
Bereavement Services	Date TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Ian Hoult/Graham Harrison  (NCC)	Members will receive an update in relation to DCC's management of bereavement services including detail of challenges within the service.	The Committee will continue to monitor delivery of bereavement services in the county including arrangements for the maintenance of cemeteries.
Fly Tipping	19 January 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Ian Hoult/ Belinda Snow  (NCC)	Members will receive information on fly-tipping in the county including: incidents of fly-tipping; comparative data; enforcement actions and impact of enforcement action undertaken.	The Committee will continue to monitor the issue of fly-tipping in the county and consider how effective current schemes and enforcement are in tackling this issue.

Waste and Recycling	19 January 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Jo Blackie / Victoria Burrell  (NCC)	Members will be aware of work undertaken in relation to waste management and recycling across the county including detail of various campaigns, levels of contamination and how the service is addressing various challenges within the service including food waste requirements.	The Committee will receive information on current waste management and future waste and recycling campaigns, update on development of WEEE schemes, information on vape disposal, food waste requirements and contamination levels.
Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP2)	25 March 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Stephen McDonald / Ellie Grimes  (NCC)	Members will receive an update on the CERP and will receive detail of how CERP 2 has been informed by the comments made by O&S members and captured in the formal O&S response from the O&S CERP	The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the actions contained within CERP 2.

				workshop held in March 2023.	
Climate Emergency Response Plan 3	Date TBC	Report to ESC OSC	Stephen McDonald / Ellie Grimes  (NCC)	Members will have the opportunity to comment as part of the consultation process on CERP 3.	The committee will inform the future development of CERP 3 as a result of commenting during the consultation process.
Energy from Minewater	25 March 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Stephen McDonald  (NCC)  Ellie Grimes  (NCC)  Chris Myers  (REG)	Members will be aware of the Energy from Minewater projects within the county such as Seaham Garden Village and the Horden project and any future plans to develop further projects in the county.	The Committee will receive information on projects to obtain energy from minewater which are currently being delivered in the county and any future plans to develop new projects within the county.

Management of DCC land for Biodiversity	10 May 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Darryl Cox/ Geoff Knight  (NCC)	Members will be made aware of further work being undertaken to manage DCC land for biodiversity throughout the county.	The Committee will receive information relating to how DCC is managing land for biodiversity including detail of how land is identified and how DCC is reducing the use of herbicides (Glyphosate).
Allotments Update	10 May 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Ian Hoult/ Mark Farren  (NCC)	Members will be aware of the impact and success of the policy changes particularly those aligned to the recommendations of the O&S review.	The Committee will receive an update on the allotment policy and the impact of the recent policy changes.
Environment and Climate Change Partnership Update	10 May 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Jim Cokill/ Steve Bhowmick  (NCC)	Members will be aware of the current work of the ECC Partnership and future plans.	The Committee will receive an update on the work of the ECC Partnership.
Tourism and County Durham's Visitor Economy	October 2023 TBC	Workshop jointly hosted by EE OSC and ESC OSC for all	Amy Harhoff Corporate Director (REG)  Michelle Gorman	Members will undertake focused group work with colleagues from Visit County Durham looking at	The Committee together with additional Overview and Scrutiny members will have the opportunity to

	<p>Joint Special meeting with EE OSC members</p> <p>October 2023 TBC</p>	<p>O&amp;S members</p> <p>Report to EE OSC and ESC OSC</p>	<p>Managing Director (VCD)</p> <p>(REG)</p> <p>Alison Clark Head of Culture, Sport and Tourism</p> <p>(REG)</p>	<p>how the tourism offer is currently promoted providing an opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny members to put forward ideas on how the offer is promoted in the future.</p> <p>Members will consider the Destination Management Plan (DMP) for County Durham and will have the opportunity to provide comment</p> <p>Members will receive detail of ongoing work undertake to promote the tourism offer, how we are comparing in relation to visitor numbers, stays and contribution to</p>	<p>contribute and influence the promotion of County Durham's tourism offer in the future.</p> <p>The Committee will be aware of what is included in the new Destination Management Plan for County Durham.</p> <p>The Committee will be aware of changes/additions as to how we promote the tourism offer, current performance and future performance targets and projects</p>
	<p>Joint special meeting with E&amp;E OSC members</p> <p>(April/May 2024) TBC</p>	<p>Report to E&amp;E OSC and ESC OSC</p>			



				the economy compared to other areas of the country, future performance targets and projects to develop the tourism offer.	to develop the tourism offer.
Leisure Centre Transformation Programme	Special Joint Meeting with EE OSC members (Dec) TBC	Report to E&E OSC and ESC OSC	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark	Members will receive a progress update on the Leisure Transformation Programme, having previously fed comments into the various consultation stages.	The Committee will continue to monitor the progress and development of this programme.
Strategic Leisure Framework	Special Meeting Date TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark	Members will receive information on the development of the Strategic Leisure Framework.	Members will be aware of the further development of the framework and will have a further opportunity to provide comments and inform its further development.

Library Provision	Special Meeting Date TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Amy Harhoff/ Alison Clark	Members will be aware of proposals/options for library provision and provide comment	Members will have an opportunity to provide comment on options for library provision in the county
Transport Management	Joint Special Meeting with EEOC (May) TBC	Report to ESC and EE OSCs	Amy Harhoff Corporate Director (REG)  Mark Jackson Head of Transport and Contract Services (REG)	Members will receive information on the progress of various plans and strategies regionally and locally including progress with the BSIP, detail of public transport provision locally, plans to reduce car usage, the impact of the Devolution Deal and the development of the ULEV charging network.	The Committee will scrutinise transport management regionally and locally.
<b>Informal Information Sessions</b>					

Fuel Poverty	Date TBC	AWH and EE OSC members invited	Alan Hunter (REG)	Members will be aware of current projects and grants available to assist residents.	Members of the relevant OSCs will receive information via Teams relating to various projects and grants to tackle Fuel Poverty.
Air Quality Management Plan	Date TBC	AWH and EE OSC members invited	Denyse Holman/ David Gribben (NCC)  Mark Jackson (REG)	Members will be updated in relation to air quality management in the county.	Members of the relevant OSCs will receive information via Teams on the approach to managing air quality in County Durham.
Pest Control	TBC (Mar)	AWH, SSC and EE members invited	Ian Hoult/Mark Farren	Members will be aware of the service offer, the work undertaken, levels of risk and future plans.	Members of the relevant OSCs will receive information regarding the scope of the service, responsibilities, what we do, benchmarking in terms of cost/price; method of delivery, risk, co-dependency and future plans.

Briefing Reports					
Heritage Coast	September/October 2023	Circulate to Members of ESC and EE OSCs	Alex Kaars Sijpesteijn (REG)	The Committee will receive information on work being undertaken to develop the Heritage Coast including proposals for future development.	Members will continue to monitor work undertaken on the Heritage Coast to develop the offer.
CAT Team Update	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Jennifer Jones	Members will be aware of the work of the team during the past year, actions undertaken and plans for the year ahead.	Members will receive an update on the areas the CAT Team have visited during 2023, actions undertaken and plans for 2024.
Winter Maintenance programme	Date TBC	Circulate to all O&S members	Mark Readman (NCC) Paul Anderson (NCC)	The Committee will receive detail of 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.

Capital Maintenance Programme	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Mark Readman (NCC) Paul Anderson (NCC)	Members will receive detail of the Highways, Bridges and Footways Capital Maintenance Programme.	Members will be aware of the Capital Maintenance Programme for this service area.
DCC Fleet	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Alex Cummings (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.
Environmental Campaigns	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Ian Hoults/ Jonathan Seymour (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.

Flood Risk Management Authorities	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Brian Weatherall, Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water	Members will receive further information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities (FRMAs) for County Durham on current and future projects, funding and partnership working to mitigate flood risk in the county.	The Committee will continue to monitor the work undertaken by the FRMAs in partnership to alleviate flood risk in the County.
Audit of land in Council Ownership (CPAL)	Date TBC	Circulate to ESC & E&E OSC	Laura Carrick (REG)	Members will receive detail of the progress of the audit of DCC's land being undertaken by CPAL.	The Committee will be aware of the progress made in relation to the ongoing audit of DCC land.
Water quality	Date TBC	Circulate to ESCOSC	Steve Bhowmick/ Brian Weatherall (NCC)	Members will be aware of how DCC's engages with partners to discuss water quality issues in County Durham.	Members will receive information on how DCC engages with partners to discuss water quality issues within County Durham.

<b>Possible Visits</b>					
Heritage Coast	Date TBC	Visit	Stephen McDonald/ (NCC)	Members will experience the Heritage Coast and hear of ongoing projects.	Members will have an opportunity to visit the Heritage Coast and see ongoing work undertaken by DCC and partners.
Park visit and could potential combine this with some volunteering	Date TBC	Visit	Darryl Cox/ Geoff Knight (NCC)	Members will experience the work undertaken in the parks and become involved with volunteering opportunities.	Members will have an opportunity to visit parks within the County and if they wish to combine this with some volunteering.
Morrison Busty Depot	Date TBC	Visit	Christopher Jones (REG)	Members will see the measures undertaken to reduce carbon emissions at the depot.	Members will be aware of how carbon emissions have been reduced at the depot.
<b>Performance/Budget</b>					
<b>Performance</b> Quarterly reporting	Sept/Oct 2023 Jan 2024 May 2024 Dates TBC	Report to ESC OSC	Tom Gorman  (Resources)	To provide Members with progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate	Summary information to Members.

				performance framework.	
<b>Budget Outturn Report</b> Quarterly reporting -	Sept/Oct 2023 Jan 2024 May 2024 Dates TBC	Report to ESC OSC	Phil Curran  (Resources)	Detail of budget	Summary information to Members.
<b>Minutes</b>					
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.