

## Appendix 2

<p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25</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><b>Note:</b></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>		
Item	When	Priority	Who	Outcome	Comment
Overview & Scrutiny Review		<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 and determine an area for focused review	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
<b>Overview/ Progress</b>					
Waste and Recycling including Simplified Recycling	24 July 2024 And Special meeting in February 2025 (TBC)	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, detail of progress in relation to the Energy from Waste facility at Teesside, levels of contamination, proposals for simplified recycling and detail of how the service is addressing various challenges including food	The Committee will have received information and provided comment in relation to current waste management, progress regarding the Energy from Waste facility at Teesside, future waste and recycling campaigns, update on development of WEEE schemes, information on vape disposal, contamination levels, proposals for simplified recycling and food waste requirements.

				waste requirements.	
New Place Brand for County Durham	Workshop with EE OSC - Date in September (TBC)	Workshop with E&E OSC	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark/Michelle Gorman	Members have the opportunity to provide further comments on the development of Phase 2 of the Place Brand having provided comments via a workshop on feedback from the Perceptions Survey. Members will have a further opportunity to inform the development of the New Place Brand.	Members will have been involved in the development of the new Place Brand for County Durham.

Leisure Transformation Programme	11 September 2024 Special Joint Meeting with EE OSC members	Report to E&E OSC and ESC OSC	Amy Harhoff/Alison Clark	Members will receive a progress update on the delivery of the Leisure Transformation Programme, having previously fed comments into the various consultation stages.	The Committee will be aware of the current position regarding the delivery of the programme and will continue to monitor the progress and further development of the programme.
Strategic Leisure Framework	22 November 2024	Report to E&E and ESCOSC	Alison Clark/Deborah Homes	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.
Woodland management	4 October 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Sue Mullinger (NCC)	Members will receive detail of DCC's current management of its woodland estate	The Committee will continue to monitor DCC's approach to the management of its woodland estate

Highways, Footways and Bridge Maintenance	4 October 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Mark Readman/Paul Anderson  (NCC)	Members will receive information on DCC's approach and performance in managing highways, bridge, and footpath maintenance across the County.	The Committee will continue to monitor and scrutinise the progress and performance of the authority.
Management of DCC Theatres	22 November 2024	Report to ESCOSC	Alison Clark/ Sarah Glynn	Members will receive detail of DCC's new approach to the management of its theatres.	Members will be aware of DCC's new approach to the management of its theatres including initiatives to increase attendance.
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	22 November 2024	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 residents of	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

				County Durham. In addition, members will have had the opportunity to feed into the development of the strategy via the consultation process.	residents of the County Durham. In addition, the committee will have provided comments to feed into the various consultation exercises undertaken to develop the strategy.
Tourism and County Durham's Visitor Economy	Special Joint EE & ESC OSC Meeting Jan 2025 TBC	Report to EE OSC and ESCOSC	Amy Harhoff/ Michelle Gorman/Alison Clark	Members will receive detail of ongoing work undertake to promote the tourism offer, detail of performance in relation to targets, progress in relation to the delivery of actions within the Destination Management Plan and progress in the development of the	The Committee will be aware of changes as to how we promote the tourism offer, current performance and future performance targets, projects to develop the tourism offer, progress in the delivery of actions within the Destination Management Plan and progress in the delivery of the Sustainability Plan.

				Sustainability Plan.	
Ecological Emergency Update	16 January 2025	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.
Management of DCC land for Biodiversity	16 January 2025	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 continues to manage land for biodiversity across the county including detail of how land is identified for biodiversity,

					creating habitats for flora, fauna and wildlife within our parks and open spaces and how DCC is reducing the use of herbicides (Glyphosate).
Environment and Climate Change Partnership Update	24 March 2025	Report to ESCOSC	Jim Cokill/ Steve Bhowmick (NCC)	Members will be aware of the current work undertaken by the ECC Partnership and future priorities.	The Committee will receive an update on the work of the ECC Partnership.
Environment Awards	24 March 2025	Report to ESCOSC	Steve Bhowmick	Members will receive information on the awards scheme, the various categories for awards, award winners and future plans.	Members will be aware of the Environment Awards scheme, the various categories, award winners and future plans



Green Corridor Update	24 March 2025	Report to ESCOSC	Steve Bhowmick/Laura McIntyre-Brown	Members will be updated on the progress of the Green Corridor project.	Members will be aware of the progress on the GREEN Corridor project and future development of the project.
Air Quality Management Plan	Special Meeting (Feb 25) TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Denyse Holman/ David Gribben (NCC) Mark Jackson (REG)	Members will be updated in relation to air quality management in the county.	Members will receive information on the approach to managing air quality in County Durham.
Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP3)	Special Meeting (Feb 25) TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Stephen McDonald / Ellie Grimes (NCC)	Members will receive an update on the development of CERP3.	The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the actions contained within CERP 3.
Fly Tipping	Special Meeting (Feb 25) TBC	Report to ESCOSC	Ian Hoult/ Belinda Snow (NCC)	Members will receive information on fly-tipping in the county including: incidents of fly-tipping;	The Committee will continue to monitor the issue of fly-tipping in the county and consider how effective current

				comparative data; enforcement actions and impact of enforcement action undertaken.	schemes and enforcement are in tackling this issue.
Transport Management	Joint Special Meeting with EEOC (Mar)TBC	Report to ESC and EE OSCs	Amy Harhoff/Mark Jackson/Dave Lewin/Cathy Knight/Peter Ollivere	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 emerging priorities from NEMCA and the development of the ULEV charging network.	The Committee will scrutinise transport management regionally and locally including the emerging priorities from NEMCA.
<b>Informal Information Sessions</b>					

Tree Management Policy	September 2024 Date TBC	Informal Information Session	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.
Land Management (CPAL)	Date TBC	Informal Information Session via Teams	Laura Lodge Metcalf /Anna Willis (REG)	Members will receive detail of the work undertaken by CPaL concerning DCC Land Management.	The Committee will be aware of the work being undertaken within CPaL in relation to land management.
Allotments Update	November 2024 Date TBC	Informal Information Session	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 Overview and Scrutiny review.	The Committee will receive an update on the impact and success of the various policy changes.
<b>Briefing Reports</b>					

Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project (SLERP)	March 2025	Circulate to Members of ESCOSC via email	Mark Readman/ Paul Watson/ Paul Anderson (NCC)	Members will receive an update on the progress of the SLERP.	The committee will be able to scrutinise the performance of the SLERP and ensure that it is achieving the targets and objectives set for the project.
Heat Network Strategy	March 2025	Circulate to Members of ESCOSC via email	Stephen McDonald (NCC)  Ellie Grimes (NCC)  Chris Myers (REG)	Members will be aware of the Heat Network Strategy for County Durham.	The Committee will receive information on the development of the Heat Network Strategy for County Durham together with detail of the development and delivery of various projects.
Bereavement Services	February 2025	Briefing Report circulate via email	Ian Hoults/Graham Harrison (NCC)	Members will receive an update in relation to DCC's management of bereavement services including detail of	The Committee will continue to monitor delivery of bereavement services in the county including arrangements for the maintenance of cemeteries.

				challenges within the service.	
Heritage Coast	February/March 2025	Circulate to Members of ESC and EE OSCs	Alex Kaars Sijpesteijn (REG)	The Committee will receive information on work being undertaken to development the Heritage Coast including proposals for future development.	Members will continue to monitor work undertaken on the Heritage Coast to develop the offer.
Library Provision	January 2025	Circulate to ESCOSC	Alison Clark/ Sarah Glynn	Members will be aware of the progress of proposals/options for library provision across the county.	Members will have an opportunity to provide comment on options for library provision in the county.
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	Members will receive an update on the areas the CAT Team have visited during 2024, actions undertaken and plans for 2025.

				plans for the year ahead.	
Winter Maintenance programme	October 2024	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.
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	March 2025	Circulate to ESCOSC	Ian Hoult/ Jonathan Seymour (NCC)	Members will receive information on various	Members will be able to monitor the various environmental

				environmental campaigns including Civic Pride together with detail of any challenges and future plans.	campaigns in the county and determine how successful they have been.
Flood Risk Management Authorities	March 2025	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.

Business Energy Efficiency Programme	March 2025	Circulate to ESCOSC	Maggie Bosanquet Net Zero Team Leader	Members will receive detail of the further development of this project and plans for the future.	Members will be aware of how the project has been developed, its success to date and future plans.
<b>Possible Visits</b>					
To be determined					
<b>Performance/Budget</b>					
<b>Performance</b> Quarterly reporting	July 2024 Oct 2024 Mar 2025	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 -	Oct 2024 Jan 2025 Mar2025	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.