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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Agenda - 15 June 2017**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee will be held at 6.45 pm on Thursday, 15 June 2017 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

### **2 Appointment of Vice Chairman**

To appoint a Vice Chairman for the 2017-2018 municipal year.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any private interests, both disclosable pecuniary and any other registrable interests, in any matter to be considered or being considered.

### **4 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board Update**

To receive a verbal update from the Chairman of the Committee.

### **5 Environment and Economy Scrutiny Reviews 2017-2018 (Pages 3 - 8)**

To consider report G62/17 of the Deputy Chief Executive which is attached and which informs the Committee about the Scrutiny Reviews and briefings that have been allocated to the Committee by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

### **6 Environment & Economy Committee Work Plan (Pages 9 - 14)**

To consider the attached report of the Chairman of the Committee.

### **7 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent**

### **8 Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled meeting be confirmed as 5 October 2017.

Yours faithfully



M Neal  
Deputy Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer)

Democratic Services Contact: Vivien Little

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**For Attention**

All members of the Council

**Chairman** – Councillor I Chambers (Conservative Group)

**Vice Chairman** – Councillor

**Councillors**

A Armstrong, Conservative Group  
D Holden, Liberal Democrat Group  
K Greenwood, Independent Group  
R Howse, Liberal Democrat Group

S Jackson, Conservative Group  
T C Ladhams, Independent Group  
M Temple, Conservative Group  
J G Thompson, Conservative Group

**Standing Deputies**

D Banks, Independent Group  
W Patterson, Independent Group  
J Derbyshire, Liberal Democrat Group  
V Kendall, Conservative Group

A Meadowcroft, Conservative Group  
J Tompkins, Liberal Democrat Group  
R Sealby, Conservative Group

**Please Note:**

1. **Access to the internet in the Council Chamber and Committee room is available via the guest wi-fi – no password is required**
2. **Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting (unless stated otherwise) and as such could be filmed or recorded by the media or members of the public**

**Report No: G62/17**

**Eden District Council  
Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee**

**15 June 2017**

## **Environment and Economy Scrutiny Reviews 2017-2018**

<b>Report from:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive
<b>Wards:</b>	All wards
<b>OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee about the Scrutiny Reviews and briefings that have been allocated to the Committee by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board.

### **2 Recommendation**

That the report be noted.

### **3 Report Details**

- 3.1 Each year a public consultation exercise is undertaken to seek possible Scrutiny Review topics for the forthcoming year. The process for the consultation process was reviewed by officers in early 2017 and reported to this Committee on 6 April 2017. The consultation process that led to this report is outlined in paragraph 5.1 of this report. As in previous years, a workshop was held in May to which all non-Executive Members were invited with the purpose of producing a shortlist of potential areas for scrutiny reviews
- 3.2 This year, the Scrutiny Review Workshop was held on the 25 May 2017 and seventeen members attended. The finalised shortlist was presented and agreed by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board meeting on the 25 May 2017. The Board has overall responsibility for setting the annual work programme for the two Scrutiny Committees.
- 3.3 In addition to the reviews, a number of briefings have been allocated to each Committee. These are topics that were initially put forward as potential Scrutiny Reviews but it was felt that a briefing, either from an Officer of the Council or an external body would be a more suitable way of gathering information about the subject. The full list of briefings and reviews have been attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.4 The briefings allocated to this Committee are as follows:
- Waste and Recycling – this was raised as an issue by a number of members of the public and by parishes, and although the topic had been the subject of a briefing the previous year, an update on progress to date would be beneficial.
  - Footway Lighting – the current state of footway lighting in Eden, and the impact that devolution to parishes could have on footway lighting.

- Car Parking – Cumbria County Council are undertaking a parking strategy review of Penrith and have indicated that they would like to consult with Eden District Council on this to understand parking needs in Penrith both on and off road.
- Public Toilets – Are public toilets being retained and maintained properly. What role will devolution to parishes play in the future of public toilets in Eden?
- Growing the Economy of Eden, including tourism – this was the subject of a briefing in the previous year, but Members wished to hear of any progress made, with particular emphasis on the impact of tourism on Eden's economy.

3.5 No reviews have been allocated to this Committee.

## **4 Policy Framework**

4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Decent Homes for All
- Strong Economy, Rich Environment
- Thriving Communities
- Quality Council

4.2 This report meets the Strong Economy, Rich Environment corporate priority.

4.3 This report also meets the Quality Council corporate priority by ensuring that the Council has good governance arrangements in place and is operating in an open and transparent way, with Members who are kept informed and motivated.

## **5 Consultation**

5.1 A public consultation was undertaken between 6 March 2017 and 21 April 2017, with an article being placed in the 'All About Eden' magazine (which is sent to all residents), encouraging the public to send in suggestions. A press release, was sent out and social media was utilised along with a letter/e mail to all Parish and Town Councils and Parish Meetings.

5.2 Additionally a pro-forma has been sent to Parish Councils, Town Councils and Parish Meetings in order to obtain more detailed information about why they feel certain topics would merit a Scrutiny Review. Officers and Members of the Council were also asked to send in suggestions.

5.3 The suggestions received formed the basis of the topics Members were asked to choose from to form the upcoming year's review and briefing programme.

## **6 Implications**

### **6.1 Financial and Resources**

6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.

6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

## 6.2 Legal

6.2.1 There are no legal implications.

## 6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no Human Resources implications.

## 6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	There are no implications
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	There are no implications
Crime and Disorder	There are no implications
Children and Safeguarding	There are no implications

## 6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Scrutiny can choose not to set a work plan for the forthcoming year.	The Council does not scrutinise topics of public interest or the work of the Executive, leading to reputational damage to the Council.	That Scrutiny regularly review their work plan and add to it as necessary.

## 7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options have been considered.

## 8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 To confirm the Scrutiny review programme for the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee for 2017-2018.

### Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	06.06.17
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	05.06.17
Relevant Assistant Director	05.06.17

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Scrutiny Reviews and Briefings 2017-2018

Contact Officer: Vivien Little, Member Services Officer

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**Scrutiny Reviews and Briefings 2017-2018**

1. Rural bus services
2. Devolution to Town and Parish Councils
3. Role of the Chief Executive

**Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee Briefings:**

1. Eden Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning Briefing
2. Health and Social Care – a briefing from the Integrated Care Communities Manager
3. Housing types/affordable housing – to include housing needs surveys
4. Building Control – once new officers have been recruited (new year)
5. Dilapidated buildings - what powers does the Council have? What can/can it not do? Also to include absentee landlords, repossession and conservation areas

**Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Briefings:**

1. Waste and recycling
2. Footway lighting
3. Car parking
4. Public toilets
5. Growing the economy of Eden including tourism

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**Report No: G61/17**

**Eden District Council  
Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee**

**15 June 2017**

## **Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2017-2018**

<b>Report from:</b>	Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To set out the current and possible future agenda items for the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee. The report invites suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.

### **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That a member of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny committee be nominated to attend the Future Flood Risk Management options meeting in Appleby on 27 June 2017 and report back to the next meeting of this Committee
- 2.2 That any future agenda items at the next or future meetings be agreed.

### **3 Report Details**

- 3.1 The work plan allows all non-Executive Members the opportunity to suggest possible agenda items for Scrutiny meetings. The agenda items for each meeting will ultimately be determined by the Chairman. The proposed work plan is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.2 The work plan outlines known agenda items and items suggested by non-Executive Members. Members are invited to discuss the work plan and agree any items that they would like to receive at their next meeting and agree any agenda items which they may wish to receive at a future meeting. The scheduling of agenda items will be undertaken in consultation with the Chairman and relevant service. Any agenda item suggested should be within the remit of this Committee.
- 3.3 During the 2016-2017 Municipal Year, flood alleviation schemes was an item on the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Plan. Contact has been made with the Environment Agency, who stated that they were undertaking a public consultation. The consultation was initially due to take place in April 2017 however this was later moved to the end of June due to the general election announcement. It is considered that it would be appropriate for a Member of this Committee to attend the Environment Agency's consultation meeting which is taking place in Appleby on 27 June 2017 to represent this Committee and report back at a later date.

## **4 Policy Framework**

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- Thriving Communities; and
- Quality Council

4.2 This report meets the Quality Council corporate priority by ensuring that the Council has good governance arrangements in place and is operating in an open and transparent way, with Members who are kept informed and motivated.

## **5 Consultation**

5.1 An annual consultation is undertaken to engage members of the public, parishes and staff to allow them to submit suggestions for Scrutiny topics for the upcoming year. The topics are then chosen at a workshop preceding the first Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board meeting of the Municipal year. Any non-Executive Member is able to add topics to the work programme at any time during the Municipal year.

## **6 Implications**

### **6.1 Financial and Resources**

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6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

### **6.2 Legal**

6.2.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **6.3 Human Resources**

6.3.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

### **6.4 Statutory Considerations**

<b>Consideration:</b>	<b>Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:</b>
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report
Crime and Disorder	None arising from this report
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report

## 6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
The Committee can choose not to set a work plan for the forthcoming year.	The Council does not scrutinise topics of public interest or the work of the Executive, leading to reputational damage to the Council.	That the Committee regularly review its work plan and adds to it as necessary.

## 7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options have been considered.

## 8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 Consideration of the proposed work plan allows Committee Members to have a greater sense of ownership over their meetings, which assists with maintaining Member engagement in the decision making process. Attendance by a member at the Environment Agency convened Future Flood Risk Management options meeting in Appleby on 27 June 2017 will enable this Committee to be represented and to gain further knowledge of the thoughts of the Agency and the public on the subject matter of the meeting.

### Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	05.06.17
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	05.06.17
Relevant Assistant Director	05.06.17

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2017-2018

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**Appendix 1: Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Plan. Last Updated May 2017**

<b>Agenda Item Title</b>	<b>Report Author</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Scrutiny Function</b>
<b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee – 5 October 2017</b>			
Portfolio Holder Update: Services	Adrian Todd (TBC)	Services Portfolio Holder	Holding the Executive to account
Public Toilets (TBC)	Jane Langston	Technical Services	Holding the Executive to account
<b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee – 14 December 2017</b>			
Portfolio Holder Update: Commercial Services	Michael Slee (TBC)	Commercial Services Portfolio Holder	Holding the Executive to account
Growing the Economy of Eden, including tourism (TBC)	Oliver Shimell	Commercial Services	Strong Economy, Rich Environment
<b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee – 8 February 2018</b>			
Portfolio Holder Update: Services	Adrian Todd (TBC)	Services Portfolio Holder	Holding the Executive to account
Waste and recycling – update on the WRAP project (TBC)	Jane Langston	Technical Services	Policy Development
<b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee – 26 April 2018</b>			
Portfolio Holder Update: Commercial Services	Michael Slee (TBC)	Commercial Services	Holding the Executive to

# Appendix 1: Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Plan. Last Updated May 2017

		Portfolio Holder	account
Footway Lighting (TBC)	Jane Langston	Technical Services	Holding the Executive to account
Environment and Economy Panel – Future Agenda Items			
Future items			
Review of Blue Collar Contract (tbc)	Jane Langston	Technical Services	Holding the Executive to account
Review of Parking in Penrith (in conjunction with CCC). Please note that due to awaiting Cumbria County Council consultation, it is unknown when this topic may be heard	Jane Langston	Technical Services	Thriving Communities