

Eden District Council
Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee
21 June 2018

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Reviews 2018-2019

Report from:	Deputy Chief Executive
Wards:	All Wards
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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 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 24 May 2018 and twelve members attended. The finalised shortlist was presented and agreed by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board meeting on the 24 May 2018. 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:
- Public toilets – this was raised by a number of parish councils, and although the topic was discussed regularly the previous year, an update on the status of the devolution of public toilets to parish councils, and the impact any community toilet scheme has had, with figures for use would be beneficial
 - Dog Fouling – this is a topic which is regularly raised by Parish Councils, and it was felt that an update on the topic would be

worthwhile, looking at the role of the community wardens, bin provision, and what could be done to improve awareness for dog owners.

- 3.5 A new type of review has been introduced for this year – a service review. The aim of this type of review was to choose a small number of services from a list (no more than six services chosen) to look at more in-depth. The aim is to ensure that Members have an idea of how a service works, what services it provides, and if Members wished to look at a specific area in great depth, they can do so.

The service reviews allocated to this Committee are as follows:

- Commercial Services/Tourism
- Refuse and Recycling – to specifically look at waste and recycling collections and bring sites, street collection and general rubbish collection.

- 3.6 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; and
- 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 16 March 2018 and 27 April 2018, 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.

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)	
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	
Relevant Assistant Director	

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Scrutiny Reviews and Briefings 2018-2019

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