

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

15 June 2017

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

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

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

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 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

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 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

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
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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