

Suggestions for scrutiny proposed at the workshop on 4 June, a commentary on these proposals and a proposed course of action.

New items suggested by Councillors	Comment
<p>Keepmoat Homes Ltd and Engie Regeneration Ltd Contracts (Also suggestion of importance of good design as per council motion 7 March 2014.)</p>	<p>Presentation is to be given to all Members on the contracts.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Consider whether any issues warrant scrutiny following that seminar (at which standards inc design) could be addressed.</p>
<p>LGA peer review – consideration of executive response</p> <p>(Note request: scrutiny of the relationship between HC and the parish councils in the light of the recommendations of the LGA peer review.)</p>	<p>Corporate peer challenge – report on cabinet agenda - 28 June.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Consider executive response and whether this highlights any issues for scrutiny to consider.</p>
<p>Water Quality – consider extent to which this is covered by Nutrient Management Board.</p>	<p>Nutrient Management Plan Board: The objective of the Board, as set out in its terms of reference, is to identify and deliver actions that achieve the phosphorous conservation target of the River Wye SAC. This will be done primarily through the delivery of the Nutrient Management Plan. It is not specifically considering other aspects of water quality but the implementation of its actions may have wider benefits beyond phosphate reduction. Meeting planned later this month which will consider another update for Powys and Herefordshire members (as we previously held in the Baskerville arms).</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Await outcome of update to members referred to above.</p>
<p>Planning enforcement – consistency /S106 agreements</p>	<p>Service Comment</p> <p><u>Section 106</u></p> <p>This is an area that was flagged up as under-performing following a stakeholder review of the service in 2017, which included members, staff and planning agents/developers.</p>

	<p>As a consequence, the Planning Service increased its resource. In addition, Legal Services are now seeking to recruit. Section 106 is now also subjected to detailed monthly scrutiny through performance meetings chaired by the Head of Service, since flagged up in an internal audit.</p> <p><u>Planning Enforcement</u> This was another area flagged up by the stakeholder review of the service in 2017, although it did not score as a priority because more enforcement officers had recently been recruited.</p> <p>The issue of consistency should be less of a problem since the enforcement officers were restructured into one planning enforcement team.</p> <p>Training has also been recognised as a priority and planning enforcement is now subject to detailed monthly scrutiny through performance meetings chaired by the Head of Service.</p> <p>Procedures changed in 2016/17 to require that all the planning enforcement officers notify the local ward members about any action about to commence in their wards. This ensures members are briefed and that local knowledge is fully taken into account.</p> <p>The new constitution also now requires that prosecution cases are firstly signed off by Legal Services in relation to the public interest test.</p> <p>A new and revised Overarching Enforcement and Prosecution Policy and a new updated Planning Enforcement Policy were agreed by Cabinet in January 2018, which covers all areas of enforcement and ensures better consistency.</p>
<p>Use of Green space – keeping people well and looked after – note CCG interest in this</p>	<p>It is suggested this is covered in Hereford Area Plan.</p> <p>Hereford Area Plan: Currently work is progressing on technical work to enable a housing/employment site options</p>

	<p>consultation to be undertaken later in the summer. Following this the focus will be on preparing a draft plan which would subsequently require to be approved by the council (considered by scrutiny prior to cabinet and council) before being submitted to the secretary of state for Examination in Public.</p> <p>There is a reference group made up of Herefordshire Councillors, the City Council, Parish Council's in the Plan area and other key stakeholders</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Await consideration of the area plan.</p>
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Suggestion: Commissioning and procurement	<p>Item on Procurement and commissioning strategy scheduled for Cabinet Member key decision on 5 July.</p> <p>There is scope to consider strategy itself and monitoring arrangements to ensure compliance. (Latter aspect possibly matter for A&G.)</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>For the Committee to determine.</p>
Policing – checking policing cover given shift of resources by PCC to urban setting	<p>Proposal</p> <p>A matter for Police and Crime Panel rather than Scrutiny Committee.</p>
Scrutiny of the traffic management in and around Commercial Street/Aylestone Hill	<p>Work ongoing to validate and monitor the traffic signals following the construction of the new link road.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>No Scrutiny consideration at the current time but kept under review.</p>
Council's policy on roadside verges grass cutting and what changes in policy may be appropriate.	<p>The verges are cut to maintain highway safety.</p> <p>The programme is to cut the verges twice a year to minimise the risk and manage the network. There may also be a requirement</p>

	<p>to undertake an intermediate cut, if growth has accelerated between planned cuts.</p> <p>There are 27 sites which have been marked and are deemed safe to leave to allow for bio diversity such as wild flowers and important habitats.</p> <p>There may be opportunity to increase the number of sites that are managed for biodiversity, particularly on the lower volume / speed roads, primarily unclassified roads, this can and will be explored with the local community.</p> <p>The council's service provider Balfour Beatty Living Places, have regular meetings with the parish councils and local members. The issue can be raised at these meetings to see if there are any sites that the local community would wish to see managed for biodiversity through reduced verge maintenance. Such can then be explored, identified and the programme adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>No scrutiny consideration.</p>
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