

SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

1. Scrutinies

- To examine the services that the County Council has in place for male victims of domestic abuse and whether more provision is needed.
- Following the review of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) home to school transport currently in progress there should be scrutiny of the current and future financial pressures that the service faces.
- To scrutinise the management and monitoring of the Highways & Environment Contract with Ringway.
- Impact on the County Council of proposed creation of one management team across the three clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in the Strategic Transformation Partnership (STP) area. *Pass to Health Scrutiny Committee*
- Scrutiny on the re-structuring and health outcomes of Drugs and Alcohol services.
- The governance arrangements of the Hertfordshire County Council incorporated entities.

2. Seminars

- The Impact of the Growth Agenda on Highways & Environment to inform Members of the strategies in place in the Directorate to prepare, support and facilitate Hertfordshire's Growth Agenda.

3. Bulletins

- When feasible, an update on contingency arrangements, should planning for the Hoddesdon Energy Recovery Facility be denied.
- Schools budgets, including the national funding formula and which parts of the schools budgets that the authority does and does not have control over.
- An update on the changing status of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) following recent and imminent government announcements.
- Detail on why the cost per head of the Councils planning function appears to be so high (top 20% in the UK) and to provide comparisons of appropriate statistical neighbours.
- The direction of the County Council's new Head of Integrated Transport and the priorities for the post.

- Information on the management of the contract with Ringway, specifically looking into monitoring mechanisms; how the County Council holds Ringway to account; and contingency plans.
- To provide further information on capital and revenue spend of the Highways and Environment Directorate; specifically focusing on the distinction between the two areas of spending and providing greater clarity in terms of which work or project falls under which area of spend. This should be utilised to provide greater clarity to all members.
- Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health directorate's outcomes and Hertfordshire's performance as a county.
- Update on inter-departmental working between Public Health and other Hertfordshire County Council departments to avoid silo working. This to be evaluated as to whether a more streamlined and strategic partnership across departments could be developed.
- The history, background, and governance for each of Hertfordshire County Council's trading companies.
- A summary of SmartWorking, Fit for the Future, Next Generation, Workforce Strategy, and an update on 20 by 2025.

4. Chief officer attending Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC)

- None identified

5. Site visits

- None identified