

**GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
16 SEPTEMBER 2005
Work- Programme for 2009/10**

Work programme

Existing commitments

On Wednesday 22nd July 2009 the Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Working Group on the third Local Transport Plan ('LTP3'), which is currently in development. The LTP3 working group met on 9 September 2009 to discuss the work involved in scrutinising the LTP3 and agreed a work programme for the review which is likely to run until 2010.

Future work

At the committee meeting on 22 July 2009 members identified a significant number of proposals for future work. Officers have completed proposal forms for these ideas, and these are attached for information.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee met and discussed how the committee might approach the work programme, given the volume of proposals, and the pre-existing commitment to the LTP3.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman suggest that the committee may wish to hold select committee on two of the proposed items:

1. Controlled Parking Zones (suggested by Councillor Mitchell).
2. The council's carbon footprint (suggested by Councillor Tanner)

The committee may wish to then prioritise the remaining 13 ideas, initially for a Q & A. A table of all the proposed ideas is attached at Annex A.

List of possible Q &As for committee to prioritise

Proposal	Notes
Archaeology	
Local Food	The committee held a Q&A on local food on 22 July 2009.
House building	Further clarification is needed on what aspect of house building the committee would like to consider.
Employment in Oxfordshire	
Biodiversity	Further clarification is needed on what aspect of biodiversity the committee would wish to scrutinise.
Park & Ride	This may be captured as part of the LTP3
Maintenance of cycle paths funding/rights of way	
Community infrastructure levy	The implementation of the levy has been deferred until April 2010. There will be three months consultation prior to the implementation.
External funding and the use of public companies	Further clarification is needed on what this topic means.
Job clubs	Could this be linked to the Q&A on employment?
Single conversation	
Re-opening of Kidlington railway station	
What's the future of waste disposal?	Further clarification is needed on what additional matters could be scrutinised, other than those considered by the committee on 16 September 2009.

Other items

LAA and LAA reward grant	<p>The LAA reward grant is managed by the Public Service Board (PSB). The LAA is performance managed by thematic partnerships and the PSB.</p> <p>The committee may wish to receive an update on specific areas of interest.</p>
Comprehensive Performance Assessment	CPA has been replaced by CAA. The first inspection report is due in October 2009 and is broader than this committee's remit. However, the committee may wish to receive

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	information on relevant parts of the CAA assessment.
Market Towns	The committee may request a report on the progress of the review from the relevant Cabinet member.
Reducing the Impact of Floods	The committee will receive updates on this item.
Finmere Quarry	An update from Councillor Gibbard has been arranged for the meeting on 16 September 2009.
New Water Resources Management Plan	Members of the committee suggested that this could be a presentation at a future meeting.

Scrutiny proposal

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Subject area of proposed review - Decreasing/the Council's approach to reducing its carbon footprint

1. Who raised this issue?

Cllr Tanner

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To review the Council's current strategies and overall approach to reducing its carbon footprint; the scrutiny activity to be conducted through a select committee session.

3. Proposed approach

Select Committee

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

The local strategic partnerships, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership, Environment and Waste Partnership; developers etc

5. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this review

Huw Jones

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this review address?

Healthy and thriving communities, environment and climate change, world class economy.

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this review address?

Healthy and thriving communities, environment and climate change, world class economy.

8. (a) Which Local Area Agreement 1 (LAA1) / LAA 2 target would this review address and how are we currently performing against this LAA1 target (if applicable)

NI 188– adapting to climate change

We have a corporate plan target to reduce Carbon emissions by 18% by 2012.

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

There was no specific performance information or inspection reports in the CPA that directly related to this topic.

Concurrent Work

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

Yes, specifically with reference to the Sustainable Development Service: “new arrangements for the carbon reduction commitment, within the Climate Change Act, will have a potentially significant impact on the county council's finances as well as carbon emissions. (X) has been appointed to head the new Environment, Climate Change and BREW (Business Resource Efficiency and Waste) Centre team. This has helped to sharpen the focus on this work, but there will need to be an increase in resource activity to this area if the council is to maximise the opportunities (and avoid potential penalties), provided by the new requirements.”

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Also addressed by the corporate priorities as transferred into the Directorate Plan and permeates service activities identified in the Economy, Spatial Planning and Business Change business plan.

12. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

A range of activities; for more detail refer back to business plans.

13. What value would the review add to this work?

This will be for further discussion at committee and with service officers.

Resources

14. Which scrutiny committees does this issue relate to?

Growth & infrastructure.

15. What resource commitment would be needed to effectively conduct the review?

Officer-time to discuss and prepare briefing material for the committee to consider and then time/service officer resource to conduct a select committee session at a committee meeting.

16. What impact would allocating resources to this review have on the overall scrutiny work programme?

This would be one of several topics in the committee's work-plan and will need to be prioritised accordingly.

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Scrutiny proposal form

Section 1 – To be completed by member/officer proposing review

Controlled parking zones

1. Who raised this issue?

Keith Mitchell and the Director for E&E.

2. Purpose of scrutinising this issue

To evaluate, by way of a select committee session, the outcomes of introducing controlled parking zones (CPZs) in Oxford.

3. Recommended approach

Select Committee

Section 2 : To be completed by the scrutiny team

CONTEXT

4. Which of our partners/stakeholders does this issue effect?

The local strategic partnerships, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership.

6. Who has been consulted about the upstream importance of this review

Head of Transport.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. Which corporate objective would this review address?

Healthy and thriving communities, environment and climate change, better public services.

7. Which Sustainable Community Strategy Priority would this review address?

Healthy and thriving communities, environment and climate change, better public services.

8. (a) Which Local Area Agreement 1 (LAA1) / LAA 2 target would this review address and how are we currently performing against this LAA1 target (if applicable)

There are 35 targets in LAA 2.

The following national indicators may be linked to the scrutiny topic.

NI 175 – access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling, 198 – children travelling to school mode of travel usually used, 188 – adapting to climate change, 5 – overall/general satisfaction with local area.

9. How was this issue viewed by the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA)?

4 = Performing strongly – well above minimum requirements for the overall environmental service assessment.

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There were no specific environment inspection reports relating to this issue and it was not specifically addressed in the CPA report for Oxfordshire.

Concurrent Work

10. Is this issue identified in the relevant directorate's business plan?

Yes. The Directorate Plan highlights the development of Local Transport Plan 3 during 2008/09. The world class economy priority is being addressed by the local transport vision (pp9-11). The Transport Service business plan addresses the issue, for instance, in its "key challenges" (pp18).

12. What work is concurrently being undertaken to address this issue?

A range of activities; for more detail refer to LTP development and business plans.

13. What value would the review add to this work?

This should be established from further discussion at committee and with service officers, before the proposal proceeds.

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Growth & infrastructure Scrutiny Committee.

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