

**Worcestershire County Council  
Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel: Work Plan 2017 – 2018**

*Topics in italics require further discussion and scoping*

Meeting date	Topic and Objective	Date added	Approach	Who
15 September 2017	<p>Highways Development Control Department (Section 278s/106s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update is to be given on the 10 point improvement plan of the Highways Development Control Processes on speeding up the technical approval of developer-funded Highways infrastructure. (Section 278s/106s)</li> </ul> <p>The key points the committee is looking to understand are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to get developer-funded Highways Infrastructure built quicker for the benefit of residents and road users?</li> <li>• How can Network Control help ensure the planning conditions imposed on developers to build certain Highways infrastructure by certain key times (ie before the houses are occupied) are met?.</li> <li>• How will Highway Liaison Engineers help members be informed and involved with major developer-funded Highways infrastructure in their division at planning stage, and once planning has been approved?</li> </ul>	29/6/17	Public meeting Further work possible	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure  Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways
3 October 2017 – (Extra meeting added in additional to existing programme)	<p>Footways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update on implementation of recommendations agreed from the interim scrutiny report</li> <li>• £6million additional funding – allocation and councillor involvement</li> </ul>	29/6/17	Public meeting Further work possible	Ian Bamforth, Highways Operations Manager Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways
	<p>Cycle paths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to improve getting around the county, especially to work and school</li> <li>• how Local Transport Plan 4 will help</li> </ul>	29/6/17	Public meeting	Andy Baker, Transport Planning and Commissioning Manager Cycle group representatives – Honeybourne and Evesham Vale Cabinet Member/s

Dates to be scheduled: Oct – Jan 2018?	Budget Scrutiny of the Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure's proposed budget	29/6/17	Mini review	Cllrs Brookes, O'Donnell and Clayton are interested  John Hobbs, Director of Economy and Infrastructure Wendy Pickering/Alison Rainey, Finance Managers
21 November 2017	Envirecover Waste Site – panel members are requested to attend the councillor induction visit	29/6/17	Visit	Richard Woodward, Waste Services Manager
29 November 2017	Flooding Update including Annual Report	Annual update	Public meeting	Matt Maginnis, Floor Risk Manager  Cllr Tony Miller, Cabinet Member for Environment
	Broadband Update	Annual update		Rachel Hill, Strategic Commissioner of Major Projects Ste Ashton, Senior Project Manager BT Cllr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure
	Envirecover Visit Feedback	27/7/17		Panel member feedback
Awaiting potential dates from Ian Bamforth	Cleaning programme and repair processes for gulleys and drains To see the operation and equipment used in keeping our roads clear of water at one of the Highway depots  The key points the committee is looking to understand are:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do many drains seem to get blocked so regularly leading to water on the road and causing unsafe conditions?</li> <li>• How can the public help in identifying blocked drains?</li> <li>• How can the systems be improved to reduce the number of blocked drains?</li> </ul>	29/6/17	Visit Newlands Lydiate Ash  Further work possible	Ian Bamforth, Highways Operations Manager Nick Twaite, Infrastructure Asset Manager

To be scheduled in 2018	Annual review of the Worcestershire Local Economic Partnership (LEP) contribution to all sectors of Worcestershire's economy – what is working and what more is needed.	Carried forward from 2016/17	Public meeting	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure Worcs LEP Chamber of Commerce Federation of Small Businesses Cllr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure
	<i>How to improve getting around the County – in particular to work and school</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congestion</li> <li>• Cycling, footways, footpaths and bridle paths</li> <li>• Public transport</li> <li>• Working better together during highways works</li> <li>• Potential of speed camera technology</li> <li>• Use of 20mph speed limits</li> </ul>	Carried forward from 2016/17	<i>More scoping required</i>	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure Cllr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr Tony Miller, Cabinet Member for Environment
To be scheduled in 2018	Local Transport Plan 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how plan proposals are implemented</li> <li>• aim to gain a better understanding of plans for short/medium/long-term</li> </ul>	29/6/17 panel meeting	Public meeting	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure Cllr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways Cllr Tony Miller, Cabinet Member for Environment
	Asset Management (Including lessons learned from Evesham Abbey Bridge project delays)	29/6/17 panel meeting	Public meeting	Rachel Hill, Strategic Commissioner of Major Projects Nick Twaiete, Infrastructure Asset Manager
	<i>The Council's relationship with Highways England</i>	18/7/17 OSPB	Public meeting	Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure Highways England
	Transport and access to hospital – routes to rural hospitals and central hospitals	Continued from 2016/17	Public meeting	Paul Smith, Transport Commissioning Manager NHS

## To be programmed:

Topic and objective	Date added
Residents zonal parking schemes and additional car parks	OSPB (18/7/17) – issue identified by previous year's budget scrutiny, which had generated income in other areas
<i>Buses</i> – Panel Chair will check Wychavon District Council work	Carried forward from 2016/17
<i>Works on Highways</i> - Improving joined-up working between the various Utilities' and WCC Highways' works; so newly laid tarmac is not dug up within weeks of being laid!	
Capacity of Highways Engineers (added by OSPB 18/7/17)	