

**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	<p>Nigel Hudson, Head of Strategy and Infrastructure</p> <p>Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways</p>
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	<p>Ian Bamforth, Highways Operations Manager</p> <p>Cllr Alan Amos, Cabinet Member for Highways</p>
	<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	<p>Martin Rowe, Transport Policy and Development Officer</p> <p>Cycle group representatives – Honeybourne and Evesham Vale</p> <p>Cabinet Member/s</p>

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	Broadband Update	Annual update	Public meeting	Rachel Hill, Strategic Commissioner of Major Projects Ste Ashton, Senior Project Manager BT Cllr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure
	Budget Scrutiny: reviewing the 2017/18 budget position for the Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure		Public meeting	John Hobbs, Director of Economy and Infrastructure Finance Managers Wendy Pickering/Alison Rainey & Nick Alderman  Cabinet Members for Economy and Infrastructure, Highway, Environment and Communities
8 January 2018	<p>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</p> <p>The key points the committee is looking to understand are:-</p> <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 Panel meeting	<p>Visit Newlands Lydiate Ash</p> <p>Further work possible</p>	<p>Ian Bamforth, Highways Operations Manager Nick Twaite, Infrastructure Asset Manager</p> <p>Ringway</p>
12 January 2018	Flooding Update including Annual Report	Annual Update and		Matt Maginnis, Flood Risk Manager Severn Trent, Environment Agency

		discussion with partners		Cllr Tony Miller, Cabinet Member for Environment
	Budget Scrutiny: proposed 2018/19 budget for the Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure			John Hobbs, Director of Economy and Infrastructure Finance Managers Wendy Pickering/Alison Rainey & Nick Alderman  Cabinet Members for Economy and Infrastructure, Highways and Environment
7 March 2018	Highways England – its role and how it works with the Council on existing and future schemes	OSPB 7/11/17	Public meeting	Highways England WCC officers
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> </ul> Use of 20mph speed limits	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
	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
To be scheduled in 2018	Asset Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Including lessons learned from Evesham Abbey Bridge project delays)</li> </ul>	29/6/17 panel meeting	Public meeting	Rachel Hill, Strategic Commissioner of Major Projects Nick Twaite, Infrastructure Asset Manager
	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>	Carried forward from 2016/17 and raised at Panel (15/9/17)
<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)