

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - Work programme 2014/2015 - evaluation

During the 2014/15 Municipal Year, the **Place Scrutiny Committee** held **8** meetings and met on the following dates: 14th July 2014, 13th October 2014, 1st December 2014, 4th December 2014 (special meeting), 11th December 2014 (special meeting), 26th January 2015, 23rd March 2015 (special meeting) and 13th April 2015.

During this year, Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **15 call-in items** from Cabinet and **2 call-in items** from Cabinet Committee. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. At the July meeting **7 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Cttee (due to there being insufficient time for call in period). At the special meeting held on 11th December 2014, **2 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee, at the special meeting held on 26th January 2015 **3 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and at the special meeting held on 23rd March **2 items** were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee. All budget items were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and were considered at the meeting in January 2015 (**3 items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered the following items by way of pre-Cabinet Scrutiny:

- (a) Private Vehicle Crossing Policy – 13th October 2014.
- (b) Low Carbon Energy & Sustainability Strategy 2015-2020 – 13th October 2014
- (c) Parks & Green Spaces Strategy – 13th April 2015

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 4th November 2014 (reported to December meeting) and 30th March 2015 (reported to April meeting).
- Questions from members of the public – the Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste and Transport responded to **2** questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 14th July 2014; the Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste and Transport, responded to and the Executive Councillor for Enterprise, Tourism & Economic Development responded to **2** questions from a member of the public at the meeting on 13th October 2014; and the Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste and Transport, responded to and the Executive Councillor for Enterprise, Tourism & Economic Development responded to **3** questions from members of the public at the meeting on 26th January 2015.

In-depth scrutiny project: Understanding erosion of the foreshore – the topic was agreed at the meeting of the Committee held on 14th July 2014 (Minute 102 refers). The full Committee received updates on progress in this project during the course of the year. The project was chaired by Councillor M Flewitt. Due to the nature of the project it was agreed that the most appropriate way to take the matter forward would be to arrange a stakeholder event to be held early in the new Municipal Year.

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ Work programme evaluation 2013/14 – 13th July 2014
- ◆ Abelio Greater Anglia – 4th December 2014

Items for 2015/16

Member briefing sessions

At the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum meeting in January 2014, Members discussed the format of member briefing sessions/presentations. The Forum resolved that copies of any handouts/slides from Member briefings/presentations should be placed centrally on the Council's intranet so they can be easily accessible to all Members. There is now a dedicated page on the intranet see [here](#)