

Environment Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments
21 June 2023 – Committee Meeting					
Terms Of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2023/24	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function
	Outcomes: That the Terms of Reference be agreed for the 2023/24 municipal year.				
Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2023/24	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 6 June 2023
	Outcomes: The draft work programme be agreed.				
Annual Scrutiny Report-Environment Committee	To review the Environment Scrutiny Committee portion of the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2022/23	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	To provide new committee Members with context of the previous work of the committee
	Outcomes:				

	The report be noted and discussion over the years upcoming work.				
14 September 2023 – Committee Meeting					
Corporate Catering	To review the role in net zero of the Council’s Corporate Catering function, particularly in relation to procurement	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item with the Committee asked to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group	Committee Meeting, consideration to be given to formation of a working group to scrutinise further
	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The Committee received a presentation on Corporate Catering and the work that the Catering team had done in the role of net zero within the school setting.</p>				
Climate Change Adaptation	To provide feedback and comments on the upcoming adaptation work.	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Meeting item
	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>The Committee received a presentation on the Council’s plan for Climate Change Adaptation. Members were pleased with the proposed outcomes and welcomed the approach and to work with officers on this.</p>				
29 November 2023 – Committee Meeting					
Biodiversity Net Gain	Review of the biodiversity net gain strategy following changes in legislation	Prosperity & Investment	Everyone benefits from a thriving economy	Committee Agenda Item with the Committee asked to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group	Initial scene setting meeting

	Outcomes: The Committee received a report on the Biodiversity Net Gain legislation implemented by Central Government and were provided an update on how this would impact local policy before the formal implementation in 2024.				
River Pollution	Review of the current river sewage position	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Severn Trent and The Environment Agency representatives will be in attendance for this meeting
	Outcome: Members received a presentation from the Environment Agency and evidence from both Severn Trent and the Highways team on River Pollution				
6 February 2024 – Committee Meeting					
Biodiversity Net Gain	Review of the biodiversity net gain strategy following changes in legislation	Prosperity & Investment	Everyone benefits from a thriving economy	Committee Agenda Item with the Committee asked to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group	Follow-up meeting following the formal guidance of the legislation being implemented by Government.
	Outcomes: Members received an additional update on the recent Biodiversity Net Gain legislation. This followed an update of which Members were informed that the new legislation had been laid in Parliament and that new planning applications would need to provide a minimum number of Biodiversity Net Gain as part of the process.				
20 March 2024 – Committee Meeting					
Climate Change and Plastic Free Telford & Wrekin	Annual Update on the Council's Climate Change agenda	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item March 2024

			addressing the climate emergency		
	Outcomes:				
Shropshire Good Food – 12 month review	Update on the Shropshire Good Food Project following the presentation to Members in the precious year	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item March 2024
	Outcomes:				
New suggestion					
New housing developments and removal of trees	An update on the criteria for removing established tree lines for housing development	Prosperity & Investment	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item – public scrutiny suggestion
	Outcomes:				
Biodiversity Duty	An update on the Council’s Biodiversity Duty.	Prosperity & Investment	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item
	Outcomes:				

Local Nature Recovery Strategy	An update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Prosperity & Investment	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item
	Outcomes:				
Id Verde – Environmental works monitored					