

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Potential Work Programme Items 2017/18

The following tables contain a number of suggested items that can potentially be scrutinised by Cardiff's Environmental Scrutiny Committee during the 2017/18 municipal year. The tables below are broken into eight areas that contribute to the overall Environmental Scrutiny Committee terms of reference, these are Energy Schemes, Neighbourhood Services (including Parking Management), Planning, Transportation, Shared Regulatory Service, Waste Management, Other and Mandatory Items.

The potential ideas have been identified from a broad range of areas including suggestions from Councillors; senior officers; public recommendations via scrutiny viewpoints and topics that are due to be presented at Cabinet in the near future (i.e. form the Cabinet Forward Plan).

Energy Schemes

1	Future Energy Schemes	A review of proposed future energy schemes for Cardiff and an update on Cardiff's Energy Prospectus.
2	Cardiff's Heat Network	A review of the results of the study proposal for delivering the heat network in Cardiff. The results are due to be published in the autumn 2017.
3	Renewable Transport Fuels	A review of the future for renewable transport fuels in Cardiff, for example, what can be done to increase the use of such fuels in Cardiff and the Council's role in supporting potential growth in this area.
4	Solar Energy Projects on Council Buildings	A review of the work being undertaken to introduce solar energy into buildings on the Council's estate.

Neighbourhood Services (including Parking Management)

5	Pothole Mapping	A review on how pothole data is collected; how accessible this information is and most importantly how it can be used to ensure that potholes and road surfaces are effectively managed. This could include how and when permanent reinstatement is applied; different recording systems (for example, GIS systems); the mark & repair scheme and the use of modern technology (for example, pothole reporting apps).
6	Best Practice in Managing Public Bins	An exercise to review current best practice in terms of managing public bins and how this can be applied to Cardiff, for example, sensor bins & compactor bins. Such a review should also consider the approach currently being applied by the Council in terms of bin management.
7	Cam Car / Enforcement Car	A review of how the Cam Car / Enforcement Car has been used to date. This should include the areas that the vehicle has been used; the types of offence it has been enforcing against (for example, yellow boxes or signs and lines outside schools); safety impacts; public / school feedback; vehicle time table; revenue generated; future proposals.
8	Street Lighting – Update	A review into the modernisation of Cardiff’s street lighting network, for example, an update on LED lighting, the CRM, lighting quality and energy savings.
9	Cardiff’s Drainage Programme	A review of how Cardiff’s drainage system is managed; the budget available; the challenges and the overall drainage management programme.
10	Council Enforcement Options	A scrutiny to review how best to deliver a range of enforcement activities in Cardiff. This could explore best practice in other local authority areas, review the in house verses outsourcing options, the legal challenges and general opportunities.
11	Maintenance of Overgrown Hedgerows & Overdue Tree Work on	A scrutiny to review how the Council manages and maintains hedgerows, trees and other vegetation along Cardiff’s roads, lanes and

	Cardiff's Roads, Lanes & Footpaths	footpaths. This could explore the Council's responsibility in this area; available resources and challenges / opportunities arising from this type of work.
12	Love Where You Live	A review of the 'Love Where You live' community based approach to improving Cardiff's Environment. Love Where You Live is 'a city-wide campaign to clean up our streets and neighbourhoods and is calling on the citizens of Cardiff to get involved to help make the Diff-erence'. It focuses on harnessing people power, neighbourhood cleaning, zero tolerance approach to littering, raising recycling awareness and student education.
13	Neighbourhood Services – Progress Update	A further progress update on the recently established Neighbourhood Services. This service includes Street Cleansing; Parks; Waste Enforcement; Highways Operations; Highways Asset Management; Highways Engineering; Design & Delivery and Parking Management. The service was created following the Infrastructure Services Project.

Planning

14	Community Infrastructure Levy	A progress update on the potential introduction on the Community Infrastructure Levy to Cardiff. This would follow on from the recent joint scrutiny task & finish exercise titled Community Infrastructure Levy. The Community Infrastructure Levy is a planning obligation that has been introduced to the UK in recent years. It is effectively a roof tax on development and in principle works alongside other planning obligations, for example, section 106 contributions. It has yet to be introduced into Cardiff and is still very much under review.
15	Local Development Plan	This could include scrutiny on the progress of the Local Development Plan in particular it could consider the following action points from the City Operations Directorate Delivery Plan 2017 to 2019: 2474, 2475, 41959, 41960 and 41961.

		Such a scrutiny could also review the appropriate allocation of infrastructure for the candidate sites and how the delivery of such infrastructure is phased.
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Shared Regulatory Service

16	Council Policy on Tethering of Horses on Roadside Verges	A review of the Council's policy / approach for the tethering of horses on the roadside verges in Cardiff.
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Transportation

17	Cycle Hire Scheme	A review of the proposed new cycle hire scheme being developed for Cardiff. For example, how it would operate, sponsorship / funding details, costings, etc...
18	Cardiff's Cycling Strategy	A progress update on the development of Cardiff's Cycling Strategy to correspond with the end of the consultation phase for the strategy. Such an item could then review any future plans which might be implemented as a result of the consultation exercise.
19	Cycling in Cardiff's Parks	A progress update on the cycling in parks pilot exercise and scrutiny of any plans for further developing cycling in Cardiff's parks.
20	Car Free Days	Exploring the success of the recent car free day pilot and the scope for expanding the scheme in future.
21	Cardiff Central Transport Interchange	An opportunity to receive timely updates on the development of Cardiff's new central transport interchange. This has the potential for regular joint scrutiny with the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee.
22	Bus Lanes	A progress update on new and proposed bus lane schemes in Cardiff. It should also review how these tie in with proposals contained within the Local Development Plan.

23	20mph Scheme Roll Out	An update on phase one of the 20mph scheme roll out (Canton & Riverside) and details of when the next phases will be rolled out. The 20mph schemes are being funded from the Parking Revenue Account – this would be an opportunity to explore the benefit of using this funding for such schemes.
24	Development of Public Transport Infrastructure in Cardiff and Delivering 50:50 Modal Split	An update on how the Council is performing in relation to achieving the 50:50 modal shift target and the work being delivered / planned to help achieve this target. This target is an integral part of setting transport policy in Cardiff. This could include a review of new planned public transport infrastructure for Cardiff and surrounding areas.
25	School Transport Safety Zones	A review of new and old school transport safety zones. This could look to review the linkages between Transport and Education and how they work together (the working relationship is sometimes viewed as splintered). The impacts of poor transport safety planning could be explored - this could include gridlock traffic and safety concerns.
26	Taff Trail Usage Policy	A scrutiny to review the policies that support how the Taff Trail is used and how these might affect key stakeholders including cyclists, pedestrians and dog walkers. Such an item could consider options of creating a catch all policy for use of the Taff Trail.
27	Car Free Zones	A scrutiny to consider the options for introducing temporary and permanent car free zones to Cardiff and the benefits that these might deliver.
28	Cycle Hubs	A review of the importance of cycle hubs in increasing the popularity of cycling and how these could be provided / enhanced in Cardiff. This could include a summary of existing facilities and consideration of suitable future locations.

29	How compliant with the spirit and policies contained within Cardiff's Local Development Plan in regard to transport provision have the decisions of the Council's Planning Committee been?	A potential scrutiny to determine if there have been any clear determinations to significantly reduce the provision of parking on residential developments, and if there have there been determinations that prepare the ground for integrated public transport provision.
30	Traffic Congestion in the Trowbridge Ward	Peak hour traffic congestion is now so bad in Trowbridge that it can take a resident an hour to get on to Newport Road or the A48. How can the Council's traffic and transport division assist in helping traffic to move more quickly especially at the worst places (the junction of Llaneirwg Way and Greenway Road, the roundabout at the junction of Llaneirwg Way and Newport Road and the Blooms roundabout). Could ideas that would address the issue in this part of Cardiff be applied to other areas with similar congestion issues.
31	Metro & City Deal – Scrutiny of Regional Working for Transport	A scrutiny update on major projects that have an impact on delivering local and region transport for Cardiff and the wider city region. This could involve consideration of any proposals falling out of the Metro and City Deal.
32	Review of the results of the Wales & Borders Rail Network Contracts	As the title suggests this would involve an update on the result of the Wales & Borders Rail Network Contracts which are due to be announced in 2018. This would just be an update and in reality the results of the procurement exercise is way outside of the Council's control – that said the contract award should have a significant impact on Cardiff and the wider city region so the outcome is important.
33	City Centre Transport Plans	A review of current and future transport plans for Cardiff city centre. This could focus on the network in the city centre and area around the bus station.
34	Primary Routes for Cycling	A scrutiny of the impact that primary cycling routes can have upon the city. This could involve looking at where such a route(s) could be located; the costs involved and the benefits that the route(s) could have. The scrutiny could

		look at case studies such as the super highway cycling routes that have been created in London.
35	Development of Transport Interchanges in Cardiff	A scrutiny to review the idea of developing transport interchanges in and around Cardiff. Such an item could consider potential sites and linkages to the various transport modes in the city.

Waste Management

36	Waste Collection Management - Major Events	A scrutiny to review how the Council can effectively plan to ensure continuation of service for waste collection during major events. Such an item could reflect upon the experiences and lessons learnt during recent major events.
37	A Bespoke Local Approach to Waste Management in Cardiff	A review of the feasibility of waste management actions taken on a ward-by-ward basis. For example, challenging the blanket approach to waste management currently applied across Cardiff and exploring if local alterations could be applied to achieve overall citywide improvements.
38	Progress Report on the New Bulky Waste Scheme	A scrutiny to review the implementation of the new bulky waste scheme. This could consider the demand for the scheme, the costs of running the operation and the impact that it has had on increasing recycling rates.
39	Cardiff Organic Waste Treatment – Change of Contractor Ownership	Potential pre decision scrutiny of the proposals for the sale of the Kelda Organic Waste Treatment Facility. Kelda currently holds the contract for processing all of Cardiff's organic waste (food & green waste). They have recently received an offer for purchase of the facility and as per the terms of the contract the Council has to review the proposal prior to any sale taking place.
40	Commercial & Collaborative Services – Progress Update	A further progress update on the recently established Commercial & Collaborative Services. This service includes Recycling Waste Services (Collections, Treatment and Disposal), Central Transport Service (Vehicle /

		Fleet Management and workshops), Total Facilities Management (Building Management and Pest Control) and Projects Design & Development. The service was created following the Infrastructure Services Project that reviewed a range of operating models for a range of outdoor services in Cardiff.
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Other

41	Establishment of a Country Park for East Cardiff in St. Mellons	An item to explore the establishment of a Country Park for East Cardiff in St. Mellons on the undeveloped flood plain land west of the main drainage reen that runs parallel to Cypress Drive and into Hendre Lake at its eastern end and between the junction of Fortran Road and Cypress Drive southwards to Hendre Lake and the railway line. Also to include the land between the western end of the lake and Wentloog Road between the railway line on the south and the urban housing developments in the north, to incorporate Greenway Park and Cemaes Crescent Park.
42	Providing Sufficient Burial Space for a Growing Population	A review of the existing burial provision for Cardiff and the potential burial demands for a growing population.
43	Public Correspondence	A review into how the Council currently manages public correspondence relating to public services - in particular how this impacts on key environmental services, for example, litter, road management and waste collection. This piece of work could look into how we can improve feedback and speed up the process so that the 10 / 21 day turn around deadline is achieved. As this incorporates customer services this scrutiny could be jointly undertaken with PRAP.

Mandatory Items

44	Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Review of Quarter 3 Performance	A review of the Council’s Quarter 3 performance relevant to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee terms of reference. In
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		recent years this has been undertaken on a quarterly basis to support the Council wide improvement agenda in line with recommendations made by the Wales Audit Office.
45	Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Review of Quarter 4 Performance	A review of the Council’s Quarter 4 performance relevant to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee terms of reference. In recent years this has been undertaken on a quarterly basis to support the Council wide improvement agenda in line with recommendations made by the Wales Audit Office.
46	Scrutiny of the Budget & Corporate Plan for 2018/19	Scrutiny of the Council budget savings and Corporate Plan 2018/19 relevant to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee terms of reference. This always takes place in February and typically one dedicated meeting for this topic.
47	City Operations Directorate Business Plan – 2018/19	A scrutiny item to review the ‘City Operations Directorate Business Plan – 2018/19’ prior to it receiving final approval.
48	Economic Development Directorate Business Plan – 2018/19	A scrutiny item to review the ‘Draft Economic Development Directorate Business Plan – 2018/19’ prior to it receiving final approval.
49	Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan – 2018/19	A scrutiny item to review the ‘Draft Shared Regulatory Services Business Plan – 2018/19’ prior to it receiving final approval.
50	Cabinet Response to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report titled ‘Restore Our Rivers’	A scrutiny item to receive the Cabinet feedback to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report titled ‘Restore Our Rivers’.
51	Cabinet Response to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report titled ‘Managing Section 106 Funding for Community Projects’	A scrutiny item to receive the Cabinet feedback to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report titled ‘Managing Section 106 Funding for Community Projects’.