

Agenda Item 13

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Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Committee Work Programme 2024/2025

1. Items to be programmed:

Topic	Detail and Comments	
Disposal and acquisition of land	That written information be provided in relation to Forthcoming Decisions 32 and 34 in relation to changes to the Acquisition of Property and particularly the way in which the Council acquires and disposes of land and who makes those decisions. (Chief Officer for Commercial Services and Business Transformation)	COCS&BT
From O&S Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Car Parking – Briefing note asap• Litter Enforcement – Briefing note• CPZ permits<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Changing to an online process○ Timescale○ Briefing note and then review after 6mths	COE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estate Management Charges – longer term review<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Open Spaces – special charges across the Borough○ Billing process	Possible joint item with Budget & Corp OSC
Greyfriars Development	To be informed of plans for the redevelopment of the former Police Station site – invite Portfolio Holder and Ward Cll	COPIEG
Bus services in the Borough	That representatives of Grant Palmer and Stagecoach be invited to attend.	COE
Site visit to recycling facility	Site visit to the Rookery energy recovery facility to be arranged.	COE

2. Meeting Calendar:

6 June 2024	Street Drinking	To consider any steps which could be taken to achieve a long-term reduction in the prevalence of public alcohol consumption in the town centre.	CORSC Police, P2R, Community Safety and Public Health to be invited
	Shoplifting	To receive an oral presentation on town centre issues with particular focus on shoplifting.	Inspector Community Policing
18 July 2024	Food Waste	To report on Borough Preparations for future food waste collections.	COE
	Glass collection Trial	To report on current trials for doorstep glass collection.	COE
	Leisure Contract	To provide an update on the Council's new contract for provision of leisure services.	CORSC
	Universal studios update	Oral presentation	Priority Projects Consultant
	Wixams station update	Oral presentation	COPIEG
26 Sept 2024	River Water Quality	To consider river water quality. Representatives from the Environment Agency, Anglian Water, BedsGovet and farmers invited	COE
	Bedford Park	Bedford Park Cricket Pavilion – Briefing note	COE
	Environmental enforcement	Enforcement of littering and flytipping	COE
	Universal studios update	Oral presentation	Priority Projects Consultant
	Wixams station update	Oral presentation	COPIEG

21 Nov 2024	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC programme, operation of the existing cameras and allocation of new equipment • Highways and Highway maintenance and pavement maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Future plans o No pavement parking – enforcement 	COE
	EWR	Current anticipated timescale	COPIEG
	EV Charging Strategy	To receive from John Kell the strategy for charging electric vehicles, which has been seen by the Executive on 16 October 2024.	COPIEG
	Speed Awareness	To report on initiatives to raise awareness of issues relating to speeding traffic, policing of traffic and monitoring of speed cameras.	COE PCC and CC attending
	Free Car parking in the town	To receive a briefing note providing an update on the trial to provide free car parking	COE
	Universal studios update	Oral presentation	
	Wixams station update	Oral presentation	COPIEG
16 Jan 2025	Cycleways	Cycleway from Ampthill Road to Wixams - Briefing note on current status after expected news from National Highways	COE/COPIEG?
	Leisure contract	Update after first 12 months of leisure contract	CORSC
	Town Centre crime	To consider effectiveness of current actions and strategies to reduce street-drinking, ASB and shoplifting in the town centre and to improve perceptions of safety. Also average speed cameras on the Embankment and elsewhere.	CORSC Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner to attend (confirmed).

	Tennis Courts	To receive a Briefing Note in consideration of the implications of Executive decision 1688, which was “To approve entering into an agreement with the Lawn Tennis Association (for capital funding up to £314,309.62) to renovate courts in Bedford Borough parks”, with particular regard to the online booking system.	COE
	Members Ward Fund	To report on the costs and benefits of the Member Ward Fund	
	Universal studios update	Oral presentation	Priority Projects Consultant
	Wixams station update	Oral presentation	COPIEG
20 Mar 2025			
	Universal studios update	Oral presentation	Priority Projects Consultant
	Wixams station update	Oral presentation	COPIEG

3. Member briefings received outside of Committee meetings

Member Briefing Notes		Lead Officer	Target/Sent Date

4. Recommendation Monitoring

Ref.	Recommendation(s) Including Date of Meeting and Minute Number	Actions taken and Outcome	Follow-up work
18/1	Meeting Date: 21/06/18, Minute No 15 <u>WASTE INCINERATION AT STEWARTBY</u> That the Committee's opposition to the proposed Incinerator at Rookery South, Stewartby, be recorded.	Following refusal of an appeal on the Environment Permit in November 2020, the Ward Member would like to work with the Committee to ensure independent air quality monitoring is done on both the chimney emissions and the lorries emissions.	To be monitored. Ward Member for Stewartby to keep the Committee informed of developments.