

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2006/07 FOR ORDINARY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS**

DATE OF MEETING	SUBJECT	SPECIFIC AREA TO BE CONSIDERED	REQUESTED BY	LEAD OFFICER	LINK TO SERVICE PLAN/BVPP	COMMENTS
22nd June, 2006	Time of Meetings	To decide on the time of the meetings for the Municipal Year 2006/07	Constitutional Requirement	Karen Graves		
	Rights of Way Improvement Plan	To monitor progress of the Improvement Plan	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Robert George		
	Policy Review	Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and Finish Review Groups	Monitoring and Co-ordination Group	Karen Graves		
		Grass Verges Task and Finish Group	Environment Scrutiny Committee	John Ray/Steve Brannan		

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		Financial Incentives to Businesses Review Group	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Gwenda Lyn Jones		
9th August, 2006 (4.00 p.m. start)	Annual Tour of Countryside Wild Spaces	To monitor the progress aimed at improving areas of wild open space, countryside access and levels of biodiversity	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Rob George		
31st August, 2006	Annual Tour of Countryside Wild Spaces The Future of the Railings on the Ring Road	Feedback from Site Visits To monitor the progress made in this matter (originally raised as part of Street Furniture Task and Finish Review Group)	Environment Scrutiny Committee Environment Scrutiny Committee	Robert George John Ray		

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	A new Countryside Strategy for Darlington Policy Review	To consider the main drivers for change in this area. Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and Finish Review Groups	Environment Scrutiny Committee Environment Scrutiny Committee	Robert George Karen Graves		
14th September, 2006	Joint Site Visits with Planning Committee	To see the outcome of approved planning applications	Code of Conduct for Members	Steve Petch/ Karen Graves		
9th November, 2006	Increasing Community Strategy Through Street Scene Proposed Car Club	To keep Members of Scrutiny informed To inform Scrutiny of this new initiative	Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee	Ian Thompson Owen Wilson		

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	Climate Change Strategy	To inform Scrutiny of the progress made in development of the Strategy	Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee	Bill Westland		
	Piercebridge Conservation Area Character Appraisal	To advise Scrutiny of the progress made in the appraisals	Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee	Steve Petch/ Martyn Kendall		
	Planning Excellence Improvement Plan	To advise Scrutiny of the actions to be taken under the Improvement Plan	Chair of Environment Scrutiny Committee	Steve Petch		
	Railings in Town Centre	Condition and Necessity of Railings	Scrutiny Committee	John Ray		
	Policy Review	Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and Finish Review Groups		Karen Graves		
		Planning Consultation Task	Chair of Scrutiny	Steve Petch		

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		and Finish Grass Verges Task and Finish Review Group Financial Incentives to Business	Monitoring and Co-ordination Committee Environment Scrutiny Committee	John Ray / Steve Brannan Gwenda Lyn Jones		
21st December, 2006	Street Scene – Overview South Park - Progress Darlington Planning Forum Darlington Town Centre – Review of Pedestrian Guard Rails Policy Review	To monitor the new arrangements To advise Scrutiny of the progress To monitor the work of the Forum Condition and necessity of guard rails Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and	Officer Members Environment Scrutiny Environment Scrutiny Environment Scrutiny Committee	Ian Thompson Ian Thompson Steve Petch John Ray Karen Graves		

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		Finish Review Groups Swimming Safety and Early Years Classes Grass Verges – Final Report	Chair of Environment Scrutiny Environment Scrutiny Committee	Ian Thompson John Ray		
1st February, 2007	Service Planning – Overview Policy Review	Requirements of Environment Scrutiny Committee Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and Finish Review Groups HERS Scheme	Chair of Scrutiny Cabinet Member with portfolio for Regeneration and Planning	John Bosson Steve Petch/ Karen Graves		

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		Grass Verges Review Group – Final Report	Environment Scrutiny Committee	John Ray/ Karen Graves		
		Financial Incentives to Business – Response of the Executive	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Gwenda Lyn Jones/Karen Graves		
29th March, 2007	Annual Report of Scrutiny	To consider the content of this Scrutiny Committee’s annual report to Council	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Karen Graves		
	Draft Work Programme 2007/08	To consider the content of the Work Programme	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Karen Graves		
	Local Government White Paper	To be advised of contents of Paper	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Lorraine O’Donnell		
	Policy Review	Updates on any ongoing review Groups/Task and	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Karen Graves		

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		Finish Review Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HERS Scheme • Car Parking Issues on Haughton Road • Service Planning 	Cabinet Member Environment Scrutiny Committee Officer	Steve Petch Member led John Bosson		
19th April, 2007	Annual Tour of Countryside Wild Spaces	To monitor the progress aimed at improving areas of wild open space, countryside access and levels of biodiversity				

Items to be Programmed:-

Effect of Implementation of the Open Space Strategy and the Social Inclusion Strategy – 2006
 Local Development Framework
 Museum Business Plan – Autumn 2006
 Darlington Transport Corridor – June 2007

Use of MUGAs – June 2007

Car Club – Progress

Conservation Review - Update

Tourism Review - Update

Source of the Denes Project – September/October 2007

South Park Pavilion/Adults Learning Disability Centre Development – Late 2007

Proposed 20 mph Zones – September/October 2007

Proposed Residents' Parking Scheme – Darlington College of Technology

Maintenance, Display and Storage of the Borough Art Collection

Climate Change – Dedicated Meeting to give Drive and Impetus