

Work Programme suggestions for the Scrutiny Committee to consider

Suggestions	Timetabling or other PDG
<p>Making Green requirements part of future planning applications – The Chairman commented that the Environment PDG would be a good place for this work to start. At the same time the Chairman will ask the Environment PDG to consider what Energy Efficient Standards need to go into go into new build properties.</p>	<p>Environment PDG ?</p>
<p>Can this committee and the Council support the installation of sprinkler systems into all new build residential properties. The Fire Service can provide displays. The Chairman asked for a demonstration of these systems to be arranged.</p>	
<p>Making the Exe Valley an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty similar to other National Parks in England. There is an “A Road” travelling down it from Exmoor to Dartmoor. The idea was parked 7 or 8 years ago but the time may well be right, now. Planning Authorities state that there is a list and it takes 15 years or so to get this through National Planning. The Scrutiny Committee should ask for a presentation from the CEO’s of Exmoor National Park and Dartmoor National Park. We should encourage other agencies such as “Visit Devon” to get involved. Question as to whether this subject was for the Scrutiny Committee or whether it would be better dealt with by Environment/ Economy or Community PDG’s.</p>	<p>Environment / Community or Economy PDG ?</p>
<p>We should invite the National Grid in for scrutiny regarding their failure to provide sufficient capacity for new Solar Farms, Wind Turbines etc. to link to the National Grid.</p>	
<p>Vacancies at Mid Devon DC – What posts should be filled in order that we can deliver a service? “A moratorium on recruitment alone is not good”, we should look at the recruitment process itself.</p>	

<p>Use the LGA as much as possible, wait until the new administration is bedded in and then do peer reviews because we want to avoid “cosy parochialism”.</p>	
<p>Transparency – reduce the reliance on Part 2’s – only use them in extremes. When officers give advice – that advice should be given to the whole committee not just whispered to the Chairman under part 2. Look out the copy of the legislation relating to part 2.</p>	<p>Was this just a statement of intent?</p>