

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Highways issues

Monday, 3 August 2009

Present: Councillor Alan Cullens (Chair) and Ken Ball, Doreen Dickinson, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe and June Molyneaux

09.HTG.08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mike Devaney (Chair), Nora Ball and Roy Lees.

09.HTG.09 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Highways issues held on 16 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09.HTG.10 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No Members declared an interest in respect of items on the agenda.

09.HTG.11 DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENT

Members considered the draft scoping document enclosed with the agenda papers and noted that there was a lot to consider within a short space of time. Several amendments were made to the scoping document, to the desired outcomes and information requirements and sources.

It was noted that there would be overlap between this inquiry and the ongoing Town Centre inquiry. Officers would ensure that any common themes were communicated between the inquiries.

RESOLVED – That the scoping document be updated and presented to the next meeting.

09.HTG.12 COLLECTING AND CONSIDERING EVIDENCE

Members noted the Streetscene Services Agreement had been circulated by email and requested this be presented to the next meeting.

The current responsibilities of Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council and the remit of the Lancashire Locals were noted. It was requested that officers compile information from other scrutiny inquiries relating to Highways in Lancashire to be presented to the next meeting.

RESOLVED –

- 1. The Streetscene Services Agreement be presented to the next meeting.**
- 2. Officers compile information from other scrutiny inquiries relating to Highways in Lancashire to be presented to the next meeting.**

09.HTG.13 FURTHER EVIDENCE TO BE COLLECTED AND CONSIDERED

Further information was requested from Lancashire County Council, including gritting routes and schedules and the Highways Safety inspection policy. It was requested that the Local Area Agreement be discussed with Chorley Council officers. Recommendations would be made throughout the inquiry as each objective was considered.

It was noted that a draft maintenance schedule for the car parks would be presented to a future meeting of the Executive Cabinet.

The possibility of a site visit to the Hub at Lancashire County Council was discussed and potential witnesses were considered. Members were particularly interested in the process: from a fault being report right through to the call being signed off. Questions for witnesses would be drafted and distributed prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED -

- 1. To add gritting routes and schedules, the Highways Safety inspection policy and the Local Area Agreement to the documents/evidence section of the scoping document.**
- 2. To add the Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council Customer Services Manager and the Disability Forum Co-ordinator to the witnesses section of the scoping document.**

09.HTG.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Task and Finish Group AGREED the dates for the next few meetings be set following discussions with the Group via email.

Chair