

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2018

PRESENT:- Councillors Claire Ellis (Chair), John Ballman, Claire Ellis, Dale Heenan, Janine Howarth, Kevin Parry and Roger Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Allsopp, Matthew Courtliff and Vera Tomlinson.

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2018/19

Resolved – That Councillor Vera Tomlinson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year, 2018/19.

2. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. Councillor Roger Smith made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 6 as an employee of Savills.

4. Public Question Time

No Public Questions were asked.

5. Presentation - Update on Major Road Schemes within the Borough

Mr Jason Humm, Head of Highways and Transport made a presentation to the Committee updating Members on major road schemes within the Borough. During his presentation the Head of Highways and Transport highlighted:

- The M4 Junction 16 improvement works, including drone footage of traffic following completion of the upgrade.
- The infrastructure, layout and groundwork of the redesigned Junction 16.
- Safety and sustainable transport work within the Sustainable Transport package over the last three years, including crossing facilities and cycleways on Queens Drive, improvements to the town centre, completion of the eastern and southern flyers.
- Forthcoming work to improve access to Spring Gardens from the Magic Roundabout.
- On-going work in respect of the Quality Bus Corridor under a three phase programme to Regent Circus, the Witchelstowe bus route and Mannington funded by Local Economic Partnership monies.
- Design work for the Southern Access via a tunnel under the M4, the new Eastern Villages, including the White Hart junction, and the Gable Cross Roundabout.

- An update on the road resurfacing programme approved by Cabinet in March 2018.
- The delivery programme for schemes approved under the Capital Programme under the Council's maintenance settlement as agreed by Cabinet in March 2018.
- Funding priority for the maintenance of major carriage ways.
- Minor road and footway maintenance and funding streams available for this work.

The Head of Highways and Transport responded to questions and comments in respect of:

- The monitoring of accident statistics and officer reviews of the Greenbridge roundabout scheme and possible improvements including potential changes to advance road markings, pedestrian crossings, the continued use of 24 hours traffic signals and road signage.
- Domestic waste collections on major roads should these be closed for maintenance or other work.

Resolved – (1) That the Head of Highways and Transport be thanked for his informative and useful presentation.

(2) That following the officer review of the advance road markings, the continued use of 24 hours traffic signals and road signage at Greenbridge Roundabout a report be submitted to this Committee setting out any proposed modifications.

(3) That the Interim Head of Streetsmart be requested to submit an update to this Committee setting out the Council's communications policy in respect of waste and recycling collections in residential where these are disrupted by road closures or major roadworks.

(Councillor Roger Smith made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this item as an employee of Savills.)

6. Work Programme 2018/19

The Committee considered (a) a report by the Director of Law and Democratic Services on the results of the work programme consultation and the suggested priorities for the work for the Municipal Year, 2018/19, (b) a written update on the status of decisions made by the Committee during the Municipal Year 2017/18, and (c) an oral update by the Head of Highways and Transport in respect of highway related decisions under the 2017/18 work programme.

Resolved – (1) That the Committee thanks all the contributors who had suggested topics for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme for the Municipal Year, 2018/19.

(2) That the September meeting of the Committee be dedicated to the consideration of the Council's Waste Programme.

(3) That the proposed items set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved for inclusion in the Committee's 2018/19 Work Programme.

(4) That the Chair of this Committee be authorised to schedule the consideration of items approved under the Work Programme.