

PART A

Report to: Highways Forum
Date of meeting: 2 April 2014
Report of: Head of Regeneration and Development
Title: Hertfordshire County Council Scrutiny: Highway Joint Member Panels – Successor Arrangements

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Councillors' views about the successor arrangements to the Hertfordshire Highways Watford Joint Member Panel.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 that the Forum's comments be incorporated into Watford Borough Council's response to the County Council's scrutiny review.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Hertfordshire County Council has agreed to set up a review to scrutinise the effectiveness of the Highway Liaison Meeting arrangements, which succeeded the Hertfordshire Highways Watford Joint Member Panel. The scope for the review is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The scope shows that the County Council will allow one officer from each district to either provide a written statement or attend in person, setting out their authority's views about the arrangements.

- 3.3 Officers would like to take this opportunity to obtain Watford Members' views that can be incorporated into the response from Watford Borough Council. A number of questions have been provided to assist with this process.
- 3.4 Do you feel the Highway Liaison Meetings have enabled local elected representatives to work together?
- 3.5 Do you feel the Highway Liaison Meetings have informed you about the broader highways agendas, including new and developing Transport Plans and strategies and the Integrated Works Programme?
- 3.6 Have Highway Liaison Meetings provided an opportunity for all Borough Councillors to discuss borough-wide highways issues?
- 3.7 Have Highway Liaison Meetings engaged with the wider community?
- 3.8 Do you have any suggestions that could be put forward for inclusion in future Highway Liaison Meetings?

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that there are no financial implications.

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no legal implications within this report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Scrutiny remit for the review of the Highway Joint Member Panels – Successor arrangements

Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

- Report to the County Council's Highways and Transport Cabinet Panel on 3 July 2012 and Cabinet on 19 July 2012

File Reference

None