

## **Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2012 to March 2013**

**Select Committee:** Environment and Transportation Select Committee

**Report of Chairman:** Councillor Sharyn Wheale

### **In-depth reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

'Coordination and Regulation of all Works on Hampshire County Council's Highways'  
Recommendation Monitoring (April 2012)

### **Light-touch reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

#### *Review of the A3 Zip Bus Priority Corridor*

The Committee formed a working group, to discuss actions following the Havant and East Hampshire joint scrutiny review of the A3 Zip Bus Priority Corridor Review. Members had expressed concern over snagging issues during the first three years of the project which felt warranted further exploration. As a result of the first meeting of the group in October 2012, a list of concerns were communicated to the Department, and a list of actions were agreed. A second meeting of the group has taken place to follow-up actions, which are still under review.

### **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

#### *Electric Vehicle Charging Points*

The Committee conducted a pre-scrutiny of the installation of electric vehicle charging points in November 2012. This scheme was part of the Hampshire Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative, which would be implemented after completion of a pilot study. Members were reassured that Hampshire was leading work to lobby the European Union on electric vehicle charging points. It was noted that work to install such charging points would commence once agreement had been reached nationally on types of charging points.

The Committee commended the Electric Vehicle Charging Points report to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, with recommendations around the charging flow at electric vehicle charging points.

#### *Project Integra Action Plan 2012-13*

The Committee conducted a pre-scrutiny of the proposed Project Integra Action Plan 2012/13, which aimed to provide a long term solution for dealing with Hampshire's municipal waste in an environmentally sound, cost effective and reliable way. The Committee commended the Project Integra Action Plan 2012-13 to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport for approval.

**Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None

### **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

#### *Department Efficiencies – Economy, Transport and Environment:*

The Select Committee received regular updates from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on the progress of the department efficiency saving following the agreed January 2012 budget, and the overall performance of the department throughout the financial year.

### *Revenue and Capital Budget 2013/14:*

Members pre-scrutinised the revenue and capital budget for 2013/14 onwards at their January meeting.

### **Policy Review:**

#### *'A' Board Policy:*

Members of the Committee formed a working group to familiarise themselves with the policy that the Economy, Transport and Environment department had been working on, following the decision to enforce a licensing scheme for 'A' Boards.

Following discussions and examination of best practice from other local authorities, Members agreed that engagement should be undertaken with all District and Borough Councils on the 'A' Board Policy, which included a formulation of an implementation timetable. Members also requested that the implementation of the Policy should be reviewed six months after adoption.

#### *'Parking on Grass Verges, Footpaths and Pavements':*

The Committee formed a working group who were tasked with exploring the current parking policy in relation to this issue. The group reviewed the policy, and as a result, requested that the Department update the current document by streamlining and investigating best practice solutions. The group also explored in detail the various engineering solutions and types of enforcement in relation to parking on grass verges, footpaths and pavements.

The Committee approved the revised draft policy in January 2013 and recommended that the final Hampshire Maintenance Management Plan is pre-scrutinised by the Committee prior to a decision being taken by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

### **Questioning and Exploring Areas of Interest and Concern:**

- The future of Project Integra
- Energy Strategy
- Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Cell Programme
- Unadopted Roads
- Taxi-share Service

### **Upcoming Topics:**

- Local Flood Risk Strategy (Pre-Scrutiny and Statutory Scrutiny Responsibility)
- Department efficiencies (Pre-Scrutiny)
- Control of weeds on the Highway (Policy Review)
- A3 Zip Corridor Review (Questioning and Exploring)