

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

Committee:	Policy & Resources Select Committee
Date:	24 July 2014
Title:	Approval of Task & Finish Groups
Reference:	6008
Report From:	Director of Policy & Governance

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. For the Policy & Resources Select Committee to fulfil its role of coordinating scrutiny, this committee is asked to approve the Terms of Reference for task and finish groups and sub committees of the other Select Committees.

2. Culture & Communities Select Committee Task & Finish Groups

- 2.1. At the 8 May 2014 meeting of the Culture & Communities Select Committee, the Committee considered a report on the Countryside Access Strategy. It was agreed that the Committee establish a task & finish group on this topic (see terms of reference at Appendix 1). Due to the timing for this piece of work, this group has already had its first meeting.
- 2.2. At the 8 May 2014 meeting the Culture & Communities Select Committee also received a report on the future development of the Library and Information Service. It was agreed that the Committee establish a task & finish group on this topic (see terms of reference at Appendix 2). Due to the timing for this piece of work, this group has already had its first meeting.

3. Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee Task & Finish Groups

- 3.1. At the 28 April 2014 meeting of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee, the Committee considered a report regarding the future of highway service delivery arrangements (reference 5806). Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Member for Economy Transport & Environment and recommended that the current provider (Amey LG) be granted a one year extension to their contract, to allow time for the County Council to consider the preferred approach when that contract comes to an end. The recommendations were accepted by the Executive

Member for Economy Transport & Environment at the Decision Day held on 6 May 2014.

3.2. The report considered at that meeting referred to the opportunity to explore new ways of working with the current contractor (Amey) during the extension of the existing contract, and to learn lessons to inform the new contract proposals. In reference to this opportunity, the Select Committee Resolved:

- That a task & finish group of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee be established, to provide input to the new ways of working to be explored during the extension of the contract.

3.3 The terms of reference attached at Appendix 3 (Highways Phase 1) was agreed at the meeting of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee held on 8 July 2014 to support this piece of work.

3.4 The report considered in April also referred to the need to take more time to consider the most appropriate future contract arrangements. Select Committee Members wished to have the opportunity to feed in their views to any new arrangements being considered, therefore it was also resolved:

- That proposals be developed to enable Select Committee Members to be involved in consideration of the longer term options, to be brought back to a future meeting of the committee for agreement. (This could include a joint Working Group or Task & Finish Group with the Policy & Resources Select Committee)

3.5 The terms of reference attached at Appendix 4 (Highways Phase 2) was agreed at the meeting of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee held on 8 July 2014 to support this piece of work. Given that this is a significant contract, and there has previously been interest in this subject from Members of the Policy & Resources Select Committee, it is proposed that the task and finish group on this topic include representation from the Policy & Resources Select Committee.

3.6 At the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee meeting held on 8 July 2014 the following Membership for this task & finish group (Highways Phase 2) was proposed:

- Cllr Sharyn Wheale (ETE SC Chairman, conservative)
- Cllr Peter Latham (ETE SC, conservative)
- Cllr Geoff Hockley (ETE SC, conservative)
- Cllr Shaun Cully (ETE SC, labour)
- Cllr Ray Bolton (P&R SC, conservative)
- Cllr Adrian Collett (P&R SC, liberal democrat)
- Cllr Andy Moore (P&R SC, UKIP)

4. Recommendations

4.1. The Policy & Resources Select Committee is invited to note the task & finish groups being undertaken by the Culture and Communities Select Committee:

- Countryside Access Strategy (Appendix 1)
- Library and Information Service Vision and Strategy (Appendix 2)

4.2. The Policy & Resources Select Committee is invited to endorse the proposed arrangements for the following task & finish groups of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee, including the appointment of Members from the Policy & Resources Select Committee to Highways Phase 2 (proposals in paragraph 3.6):

- Highways 'phase 1' (Appendix 3)
- Highways 'phase 2' (Appendix 4)

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Future of Highway Service Delivery Arrangements	5806	28 April 2014
Future Development of the Library and Information Service	5810	08 May 2014
Countryside Access Strategy - Task and Finish Group	5809	08 May 2014
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. An impact assessment will be undertaken as required, when specific service proposals are developed.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. None anticipated.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

This will be considered when specific service proposals are developed.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

When considering future arrangements for highway maintenance, consideration will be given to the impact of more frequent extreme weather and services being planned accordingly.