

ECONOMY TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP:

THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group

The Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee, and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.

The Task and Finish Group's purpose is to provide recommendations regarding the future options for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

2. Scope of the Task and Finish Group

In January 2015 the Executive Member for Economy Transport & Environment approved that 'an Options Appraisal is undertaken for the continuation of the [parish lengthsman] scheme beyond the next financial year, which will explore opportunities for outside funding'. The Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee resolved to initiate a task & finish group to input to this piece of work.

The Task and Finish Group will consider:

- The value of the scheme in helping the County Council meet its statutory and non-statutory highway functions;
- The financial implications of the scheme;
- The value of the scheme to local communities;
- The benefits of the scheme to parish councils, as well as district and borough councils;
- Any opportunities to improve the scheme, including identifying additional and / or new alternative funding mechanisms; updating the legal agreement template; developing a new performance framework;
- Advantages and risks of potentially discontinuing the scheme.

3. Method

The task and finish group will consider any evidence identified which shall aid in the formation of recommendations on the future of the Parish Lengthsman scheme.

Where the working group requires further information in order to pursue the issues outlined in the scope, such information will be requested.

4. Membership

The working group shall be a cross party group of up to seven Members, ideally drawn from the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee.

(4 conservative, 2 liberal democrat, 1 UKIP)

5. Meetings

The task and finish Group shall hold an initial meeting in June 2015. After this, it shall meet as often as required to complete its work. It is anticipated the work of the group shall conclude in time for recommendations to be presented to the decision maker, in time for the lead in to preparation of the 2016/17 budget.

6. Code of Conduct

Elected Members of the Working Group shall comply with the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct applicable to Members.

7. Reporting

The task and finish Group will make a final report to the full Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee, for the Select Committee to approve any proposed recommendations. The report and recommendations will then be provided to the Executive Member for Economy Transport & Environment.

The Working Group will cease to exist once its purpose has been fulfilled.