

ECONOMY TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP ON THE FUTURE FOR HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE (HIGHWAY CONTRACT PHASE 2)

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 provision of highway maintenance services following the end of the current Term Highway Contract (in 2017 or 2018 depending on contract extensions).

2. Scope of the Task and Finish Group

The Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee supported an extension of the current Highway Maintenance contract at their meeting held in April 2014. It was noted that extending the contract would allow time for the County Council to fully consider the options for different ways of providing highway services in future once the current contract comes to an end.

The Task and Finish Group will consider the different options, anticipated to include:

- Direct Labour Organisation (DLO)
- Term Maintenance Contract (TMC)
- Managed Service Contract (MSC)
- Joint working with neighbouring authorities

The Task and Finish Group will consider which option best meets the County Council's needs, and opportunities for the new arrangements to improve delivery of highway maintenance.

3. Method

The task and finish group will consider evidence regarding the different possible models.

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, drawn from both the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee and the Policy & Resources Select Committee.

5. Meetings

The task and finish Group shall hold an initial meeting in September/October 2014. 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 a new contract to be initiated (approximately two years prior to the end of the current contract, which is dependent on extensions).

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.

Updates will be provided to the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee, and Policy & Resources Select Committee, during the life of the working group, as required.

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