

CABINET RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE

Surrey Highways – Design Services Review

- 1) The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment welcomes the Select Committee input in supporting officers shape the future direction and strategy of the Highway Design Services.
- 2) Following a review with the Strategic Director, the Cabinet Member can confirm the following response to the concerns raised as part of Select Committees recommendations:

- **Officers explore opportunities to accelerate Service Transformation**

Following meeting, officers have agreed to integrate process re-design with Rapid Improvement Team, which is currently reviewing section 106 planning processes. Officers have also met with May Gurney to appoint dedicated Process Improvement Officer to support process re-design from delivery side. Exploiting best practice identified in scheme commissioning from Rapid Improvement Team and dedicated May Gurney resource will enable new processes to be implemented in May rather than September 2012.

- **Officers explore opportunities to move to 4 year design programme for 2012/13 budget**

The key change of a transition from an annual design programme to a four-year design programme has been prioritised within Highways Senior Management Team, and senior officers will work with Members and key stakeholders to implement recommendations as soon as it is practical to do so.

Officers will also begin working with Local Committee Chairman, to determine if a solution can be implemented on an area basis rather than waiting for a county-wide solution to be fully implemented.

- **Concern that any funding related to undelivered schemes be ring fenced and rolled over to the 12/13 budget**

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment has reviewed concerns with the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, and subject to Cabinet approval, is able to endorse Select Committee recommendation that any local transport schemes, not delivered in 2011/12 programme be carried over to 2012/13 budget.

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