

## **CABINET RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **Highways Maintenance Prioritisation Task Group**

I would like to thank Steve Renshaw, Members of the Select Committee and the highways team for this helpful and informative report.

It is vital that we have a robust system of prioritisation for maintenance of our highways that is transparent and supports local decision making. I am satisfied that the main proposals in Select Committee report will improve our current arrangements for this.

Turning to the five recommendations on pages two and three of the cover report; I accept and welcome recommendations (i), (ii), (iii) and (v). The financial implications of them are provided for in the Medium Term Financial Plan elsewhere on this agenda. With regard to recommendation (iv), I fully accept that the ICT systems could be usefully improved and that it would be worth doing a business case for that. Recommendation (iv) however, appears to go further to seek Cabinet agreement to the consequent budget provision. I am happy to consider that budget implication when it is presented as a Business Case but am unable to agree to recommending provision until this is presented.

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