



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY TASK GROUPS
REPORTING TO THE
LOCAL COMMITTEE**

25 June 2012

KEY ISSUE

To agree the continuation and membership of task groups to advise the committee on specific transportation issues during the year 2012/2013.

SUMMARY

At the start of the municipal year 2010/2011 the Committee confirmed the establishment of two task groups to advise on specific issues, the Joint Parking Strategy Task Group and the Epsom Town Centre Furniture Task Group, and is now invited to review these two groups and their membership for the year 2012/13.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to agree that:

- (i) the Joint Parking Strategy Task Group should not be continued
- (ii) the Epsom Town Centre Street Furniture Task Group should continue for the Council year 2012/13 reporting to the Local Committee.
- (iii) the Terms of Reference, membership and chairmanship for the Epsom Town Centre Street Furniture Task Group set out in Annexe A be confirmed..

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

These task groups met during the past year and provided members and other local representative bodies with the opportunity to be actively involved with transport issues and developing solutions in the local area.

The Joint Parking Strategy Task Group has completed work on the strategy which has been circulated to members of the Local Committee for information and will be approved by the Borough Council.

The Epsom Town Centre Street Furniture Task Group has also completed work on its Strategy which has been agreed by the Borough's Planning Policy Sub-Committee and circulated to Local Committee members. It has also put in place a programme of work in the Town Centre which is due to be completed shortly. The Task Group would like to meet again in 2012/13 to review the success of this work and to consider whether any further work should take place.

2. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

There is a budget of £15,000 allocated for decluttering work across the Borough.

3. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific implications.

4. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The promotion of community safety is a major feature in the development of highway schemes.

5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The work of the task group has been invaluable in considering the implications of complex issues, where priorities have to be established within limited budgets and taking into account the wishes of local residents expressed through public consultation.

The task group gives the opportunity of involvement of councillors and representative bodies, and to develop partnership working.

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