



THE TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

21st JULY 2005

KEY ISSUE

This report seeks nominations to the Transportation Task Group following changes in Membership of the Committee.

SUMMARY

The Task Group deals with Transportation matters which require detailed discussion outside meetings of the Local Committee. Such matters include the Guildford Intermediate Scheme, the development of the Minor Improvements Programme and Speed Limit Holding list, and the prioritisation of the Local Transport Plan programme.

Report by

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N/A

GUILDFORD B.C. WARD(S)

N/A

COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION(S)

N/A

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to nominate six Members, three each from the County and Borough Councils, to serve on the Transportation Task Group. In line with the resolution of the Committee in 2002, it is recommended that the membership comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one other County Member, together with the GBC's Lead Member for Environment and Transport and two other Members from GBC. The Committee is invited to confirm the nominations in paragraph 6 of the report.

PURPOSE OF THE TASK GROUP

- 1 In recent years, a Task Group of Local Committee Members has met on a number of occasions to consider transportation-related matters which require informal discussion prior to meetings of the full Local Committee. These meetings are informal, and the Task Group has no decision-making powers, but the meetings enable detailed discussion in a manner which is not possible during formal meetings of the Local Committee. The recommendations of the Task Group are then reported to the full Local Committee for formal agreement.
- 2 Matters which have been discussed in the past include:
 - **The Minor Improvements Scheme and Speed Limit lists:** This annual meeting takes place in the autumn each year, and enables detailed consideration to be given to each scheme on the list, and proposals put forward for adding to the list.
 - **The Guildford Intermediate Scheme.** The Task Group has effectively acted as a Steering Group for this group of projects, including the bus lanes, park and ride schemes and proposals for the Guildford gyratory.
 - **Other matters requested by Members.** In the past, this has included a detailed presentation on maintenance issues.
 - **The Local Transport Plan programme,** as required for submission to the government.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK GROUP

- 3 On 6th June 2002, the Committee resolved that the Task Group should comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one other County Member, together with together with the GBC's Lead Member for Environment and Transport and two other Members from GBC. Over the past year therefore, the Task Group comprised Cllrs. Barker, Stiasny and Sharp for the County Council, and Cllrs. Wicks, Chesterton, and Phillips for the Borough Council.

- 4 In view of the changes in the membership of the Committee following the County Council elections, the Committee is asked to re-nominate Members to the Task Group. In the light of the resolution above, the Task Group should comprise Councillors Barker, White and Wicks plus one further County Council Member and two Borough Council Members.
- 5 While the Task Group has no decision-making powers, it is helpful if the membership of the Task Group is broadly representative of the Committee as a whole, both politically and in terms of balance between the urban and rural areas of the borough. Having said that, the role of the Task Group is primarily strategic, since one of its principal purposes is to decide which projects represent good value for money in terms of Local Transport Plan objectives and strategies. Its members therefore act in the interests of the borough as a whole, rather than representing the interests of their divisions and wards.
- 6 Discussion with the chairman, vice-chairman and GBC lead member have resulted in the following nominations to the Task Group:
 - SCC Cllrs. Barker, White and Goodwin.
 - GBC Cllrs. Wicks, Johnson and Chesterton.
- 7 The Committee is invited to confirm these nominations.

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | Guildford Local Committee Reports: 6 June 2002 and 10 July 2003 |
