

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(GUILDFORD)

**LOCAL COMMITTEE NOMINATION TO  
TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP**

**28 NOVEMBER 2012**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report seeks confirmation of a nomination to the Transportation Task Group.

**SUMMARY**

The task groups deal with matters which require more detailed discussions and provide advice to the Local Committee. Due to a recent change in the membership of the Local Committee a vacancy has arisen on the Transportation Task Group and a nomination is required.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Review the resolution in Paragraph 1.11 as the lead member for the Environment no longer sits on the Local Committee; and
- (ii) Agree a new representative from the committee to sit on the Transportation Task Group for the remainder of the municipal year.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In recent years, a Task Group of Local Committee Members has met as required 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 discussion and decision.
- 1.2 Matters which have been discussed in the past include the development of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Minor Improvements and Speed Limit Programmes, the Park and Ride Strategy, the Guildford Intermediate Scheme and the Local Transport Plan.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 On 6 June 2002, the Committee resolved that the Task Group should comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and one other County Member, together with GBC's Lead Member for Environment and two other Members from GBC. In the light of the resolution above, the Task Group had comprised Cllrs. Brett-Warburton and Ellwood as chairman and vice-chairman plus one further County Council Member and Cllr Wicks plus two further GBC Members. Cllr Wicks is no longer Lead member for the Environment and is a substitute member of the Local Committee.
- 1.5 It was resolved at the meeting of the Committee on 27 September 2007 to adopt formal Terms of Reference for the Task Group in order to assist the Committee in understanding the work of the Task Group and ensure greater transparency of decision-making for members of the public. The adopted Terms of Reference are attached as Annexe 1.

## **2. CONSULTATIONS**

- 2.1. All transportation schemes identified by the Task Group are subject to appropriate public consultation as they are developed.

### **3. VALUE FOR MONEY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. Working together in partnership to tackle joint problems ensures better value for money. There is no specific budget set aside for the Transportation Task Group, but they consider the financial costs of each scheme that is identified.

### **4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The task groups consider the needs of all residents as new policies, projects or transportation schemes are developed.

### **5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are no crime and disorder implications.

### **6. CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1. The work of the task group will be invaluable in considering the implications of complex issues where priorities have to be established within limited budgets.

### **7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 7.1. The Transportation Task Group will meet as required.

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