

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUPS
DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

During the year 2014-2015 the Committee confirmed the establishment of a number of task groups to advise on specific issues. Each year the committee reviews the type and number of task groups required to support the decision making of the committee.

Due to the drastic reduction in available highways budget available in 2017/18, the Local Committee is being asked to consider suspending the formation of task groups for this financial year and instead the divisional members to be the designated points of contact to earmark schemes for the consideration of the Area Highways Manager.

In addition to the above, the Local Committee is asked to note the change in youth service provision and appoint two representatives to the new Early Help advisory board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree:

- (i) That the establishment of task groups should be held in abeyance for the year 2017/18 and should be reconsidered if significant new funding becomes available.
- (ii) To appoint two representatives from the Local Committee to join the Early Help advisory board to be established in the autumn.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) The new approach will slim line the decision making process around Highways budget whilst retaining the valuable local knowledge of divisional members.
- (ii) The two representatives will ensure that the Local Committee retains its service monitoring role within the new Early Help services.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20 June 2014 the Local Committee established the following task groups for the year 2014-15:
- Local Transport Plan (LTP) Task Group
 - Farnham Local Task Group
 - Godalming, Milford and Witley Local Task Group
 - Haslemere and Western Villages Local Task Group
 - Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Local Task Group
 - Youth Services Task Group.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The Local Transport Plan (LTP) and local 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 accordance with the Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives.
- 2.2 The locally-based task groups are felt to have been effective in engaging a wider range of partners in the development and prioritisation of transportation schemes.
- 2.3 However due to the drastic reduction in Highways funding this year, it is suggested that a simpler approach is taken in order to progress a smaller programme of schemes this year.
- 2.4 It is suggested that county divisional members act as designated points of contact to review schemes and make their recommendations directly to the Area Highway Manager for progression. Divisional members are invited to consult with borough members and community representatives as appropriate to inform their proposals.
- 2.5 The establishment of a Youth Task group is no longer required pending changes in the delivery of youth services. Youth Services have invited the Local Committee to appoint 2 representatives to sit on the Early Help advisory board which will replace this.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Committee can accept the recommendations to put task groups on hiatus for this year or to consider establishing task groups (and corresponding terms of reference) as in previous years. If a task group is established provisional terms of reference should be agreed.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The recommendation to put task groups in abeyance is made as a result of feedback from committee members at their private meeting on 12 June.
- 4.2 Divisional members were invited to stakeholder events to be updated on the new youth provision at the end of 2016/ beginning of 2017.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications that arise from the recommendations in the report. It is however felt that the recommended method for progressing schemes will require significantly fewer resources and be more expeditious
- 5.2 Value for money is upheld by utilising the local knowledge of the individual divisional members to deliver schemes that will have the most beneficial impact in their respective areas.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 None

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The inclusion of divisional members in the process will ensure that local perspectives are taken into account in making decisions.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 In light of the greatly reduced highways budget, it is recommended that the establishment of task groups should be held in abeyance for the year 2017/18 and instead, divisional members make recommendations directly to the Area Highway Manager.
- 9.2 That the Local Committee appoint two representatives to join the Early Help advisory board when it is established later this year.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will take the necessary actions to comply with the Committee's decisions.

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Consulted:

Local Committee members
Area Highways Manager

Annexes: None

Sources/background papers: None
