

MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2022

**LOCAL AND JOINT COMMITTEE HIGHWAY FUNCTIONS****Purpose of report:**

A draft version of the Cabinet report 'Local and Joint Committee Highway Functions' has been produced ahead of consideration at the Cabinet meeting of 22 February 2022.

The proposed recommendations contained within the report are presented for pre-decision scrutiny.

**Summary:**

1. A Cabinet report titled 'Local and Joint Committee Highway Functions' (draft version enclosed to this covering report as Annex A) is scheduled to be considered at the Cabinet meeting of 22 February 2022.
2. To note, the enclosed draft version of the Cabinet report:
  - 2.1 Relates only to the current highway functions of Local and Joint Committees (LC/JCs) and outlines how these functions will be addressed in a different way. The LC/JCs will continue to operate beyond April 2022, but without these highway functions.
  - 2.2 Seeks Cabinet approval to change the way in which the executive highway functions currently considered by LC/JCs are undertaken. This includes the transfer of highway decision functions from LC/JCs to enable officers in closer consultation with the relevant members to take such decisions. The proposed changes will sit alongside the development of new engagement methods and tools to enable members and officers to reach out more effectively to residents than is possible through the current model.
  - 2.3 Sets out the process and timescale for the transfer of these highway functions and the alternative decision-making processes which are to be put in place and are scheduled to come into effect from April 2022.
  - 2.4 Proposes to present the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee with a report of all the highway decisions covered specifically by these proposals that have been made by officers in consultation with the Divisional Members, as well as those made by the

Cabinet Member, on at least an annual basis. This will provide an opportunity for Select Committee to provide regular oversight to the decision making set out in these proposals.

- 2.5 Provides a summary of key changes (paragraphs 9 to 29); benefits (paragraphs 30 to 36); consultation (paragraphs 37 to 41); a summary table of risks and key mitigations (paragraph 42); and financial and value for money implications (paragraph 43).
3. This draft version of the Cabinet report, prior to its publication for Cabinet, is presented to the Communities, Environment and Highways Select Committee for pre-decision scrutiny of the proposed recommendations.

<b>Recommendations:</b>
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4. The Select Committee is invited to:
  - 4.1 Review the proposed recommendations to Cabinet
  - 4.2 Make recommendations of its own on the proposal, as appropriate.

<b>Next steps:</b>
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5. Cabinet will consider the proposal at its meeting of 22 February 2022.
6. The Select Committee submits its recommendations to the 22 February 2022 meeting of Cabinet.

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