

Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday, 4 July 2019

REPORT TITLE:	APPOINTMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATION PANEL
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND ASSURANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable this Committee to undertake a review of the Highways Representation Panel and to appoint members to serve on that panel if it is to be retained in 2019-2020. Standing Order 33 (1) requires that Committees should keep the need for panels under review and, in particular, the position must be reviewed at the first meeting of a Committee in each municipal year.

Unless appointed as full members, the Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the three largest political groups represented on the Council are entitled to attend meetings of all Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels, with the right to speak at the invitation of the Chair (Standing Order 25(5)).

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Committee is requested –

- (1) to confirm that the Highways Representation Panel be re-appointed for 2019-2020 with the terms of reference identified with four Members.
- (2) to appoint members to serve on the Highways Representation Panel in 2019-2020, including the appointment of the Chair and named deputies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To enable the appointment of a Highways Representation Panel to consider objections and unresolved petitions relating to all highway and traffic management matters.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options were considered beyond those outlined in the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Panel's terms of reference are as follows:

- (i). To consider objections relating to all highway and traffic management matters governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, whether subject to a traffic regulation order or otherwise, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - waiting and parking restrictions;
 - speed limits;
 - one way traffic orders;
 - weight limits
 - prohibiting or restricting the use of heavy commercial vehicles;
 - signalised and non-signalised pedestrian/cycle/horse crossings;
 - provision of off street parking and parking on roads, footpaths, pavements and verges;
 - traffic signs and traffic signals
 - bus lanes and taxi ranks
- (ii). unresolved petitions relating to highway and traffic management matters.
- (iii). and to then make recommendations to the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.2 Membership

The membership of the Highways Representation Panel, since its establishment in 2009 has been three members, the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and usually the two Party Spokespersons, or their nominees. With the Independent Group having a place on the Committee it is recommended that four Members be appointed to the Panel. In 2018-2019 the membership appointed was as follows:

Members

1 Conservative Steve Williams (Chair)

Deputies

Chris Blakeley
Tony Cox

David Elderton
Kathy Hodson
Mary Jordan
Andrew Gardner
Tom Anderson
Bruce Berry

1 Labour Mike Sullivan

Pat Hackett
Anita Leech
Sharon Jones
Julie McManus
Jean Stapleton
Tony Cottier
Jerry Williams
Gillian Wood

1 Liberal Democrat Dave Mitchell

Allan Brame
Chris Carubia
Phil Gilchrist
Stuart Kelly

3.3 The Panel is an advisory panel and therefore does not need to be politically proportionate.

3.4 The Panel's recommendations are referred to the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The Committee may approve, amend, substitute or reject a Panel's recommendation(s). All approved and / or amended recommendations by the Committee are referred to the relevant Cabinet Member for a formal decision to be made.

3.5 Members should note that the panel usually meets during the daytime and in 2018/19 met once.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

The Panel was first appointed in June 2009 (minute 6 refers) to enable the streamlining of the decision making process and to hear public representations and receive officer reports.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

It is for political groups to decide how they wish to allocate their Panel places.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

No because there is no relevance to equality.

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APPENDICES - None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 July 2018
Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 July 2017
Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 July 2016