

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, HR AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

**APPOINTMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATION PANEL**

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the 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 2011-2012. Members of panels must be appointed by the parent Committee; and appointments cannot be made by the Council.

2. Background

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.

As a result of a High Court judgement, only named deputies may attend panel meetings in place of a permanent member. Standing Order 25(6)(a) permits appointment of up to a maximum of eight deputies for each political group. It should be noted that deputies are normally called to serve in the order in which they are nominated.

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 Chair's invitation, but not to vote (Standing Order 25(5) refers).

3. Highways Representation Panel Terms of Reference

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(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 in accordance with Standing Order 34 (Petitions)”

(b) Membership

The membership of the Licensing Panel in 2010-2011 in the political ratio (1:1:1) (including deputies) is shown below:

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Deputies</u>
1 Conservative	J Hale (Chair)	T Anderson D McCubbin P Johnson K Wood P Hayes G Ellis C Povall L Rowlands
1 Liberal Democrat	G D Mitchell	R Wilkins A Brighthouse
1 Labour Councillor	H Smith	J Williams A McLachlan

4. Access to Information

The only background papers used in the preparation of this report were departmental records on panel membership and the Constitution of the Council.

5. Recommendation

The Committee is requested:

(i) to confirm that the Highways Representation Panel be re-appointed for 2011-2012 with the terms of reference identified.

(ii) to appoint members to serve on the Highways Representation Panel in 2011-2012, including the appointment of the Chair and named deputies.

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