

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATION PANEL</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES</b>

**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 2016-2017. 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 2016-2017 with the terms of reference identified.
- (2) to appoint members to serve on the Highways Representation Panel in 2016-2017, 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 (effective 27 June 2016 – as a result of Review of Council's Scrutiny Arrangements).

### 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. In 2015-2016 the membership was as follows:

Members	Deputies
1 Conservative Steve Williams (Chair)	Gerry Ellis John Hale Andrew Hodson Tracey Smith * Adam Sykes Kathy Hodson

David Elderton  
Eddie Boulton

1 Labour Mike Sullivan

Jerry Williams  
Jim Crabtree \*  
Matt Daniel \*  
Rob Gregson \*  
Anita Leech  
Steve Niblock \*  
Denise Realey  
Jean Stapleton

1 Liberal Democrat Dave Mitchell

Alan Brighthouse  
Chris Carubia  
Phil Gilchrist  
Stuart Kelly  
Pat Williams \*

\* please note those Members marked no longer serve as elected members and will require nominations from political groups to serve as Panel deputies.

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 (effective 27 June 2016) 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.

#### **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

Not applicable.

## 9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATION

No because there is no relevance to equality.

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**APPENDICES** - none

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

### SUBJECT HISTORY

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee</b>	<b>14 July 2015</b>
<b>Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee</b>	<b>22 July 2014</b>
<b>Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee</b>	<b>10 July 2013</b>
<b>Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>26 June 2012</b>
<b>Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>7 June 2011</b>