

REGENERATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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PRESENTATION ON HIGHWAYS

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Summary

This report introduces a presentation by the Head of Highways and Parking on issues relating to highways. Members previously asked officers to undertake a presentation on how Highways are managed in Medway, with a view to understanding the technical process involved in selecting a work programme for the year and whether Medway were in a position to look further ahead in their programming. This presentation will explain how officers arrive at a programme of works to meet the Council's objectives.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 This report introduces the officer presentation on the management of highways in Medway and is therefore for information only.

2. Background

2.1 Members of the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that when considering the End of Year Council Plan Monitoring at its meeting on 6 August 2015, the Head of Highways and Parking had advised that the Department of Transport had allocated local authorities' road maintenance budgets for the next 6 years. Therefore, it was possible for the Council to target funding over the next 6 year period. The Head of Highways and Parking offered to report to a future meeting of this committee on the National Highways and Transport Survey and the funding regime.

2.2 The Head of Highways and Parking will therefore undertake a brief presentation to the Committee on Highways Maintenance

2.3 At its meeting on 10 December 2015 when considering the Performance Monitoring for Quarter 2, Members had drawn attention to the fact that

information was not available for the satisfaction levels with road maintenance and pavement maintenance and requested that such information be included within the presentation to the Committee on Highway Maintenance.

3. Risk Management

- 3.1 Risk management is an integral part of good governance. The Council has a responsibility to identify and manage risks to achieve its strategic objectives and enhance the value of the services it provides in the community.

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
Reduced highway condition	Reduced funding stream or neglecting asset condition may reduce asset condition over the medium to long term	To continue funding stream based on factual condition data	LOW

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report as it introduces the officer's presentation.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 This report is for information.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Committee is requested to note the presentation.

Appendices: None

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Background papers

Minutes of Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee
– 6 August 2015

Minutes of the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – 10 December 2015