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Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Thursday, 7 November 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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The meeting will be available to view live via the Internet at this address:

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Agenda

10.30 am 1. **Declarations of Interest**

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2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee (To Follow)**

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October (cream paper).

3. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

4. **Responses to Recommendations (Pages 5 - 8)**

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at the 20 September 2019 meeting from:

Cabinet Member for Environment

Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities

5. **Exploitation Strategy** (Pages 9 - 14)

Report by Lee Harris, Acting Chief Executive.

The Committee is asked to review the current partnership approach to County Lines, understanding the scale, scope and impact of this form of exploitation and consider whether the partnership response and multi-agency activity is currently effective in addressing the threat, risk and harm posed to individuals and communities in West Sussex.

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

6. **Preview of the Draft Electric Vehicle Strategy** (Pages 15 - 42)

Report by Lee Harris, Acting Chief Executive and Steve Read, Director of Environment and Public Protection.

The report sets out the policy impact and context and how it will contribute to the aims within the West Sussex Plan

The Committee is invited to consider:

- Whether the Strategy is deliverable.
- What West Sussex County Council will contribute, and whether this is adequate.
- Whether the Strategy will facilitate the desired outcomes.

Adjournment for lunch at 1.00pm

The Committee will adjourn for 30 minutes for lunch.

7. **Highways Maintenance Service Procurement** (Pages 43 - 48)

Report by Lee Harris, Acting Chief Executive and Matt Davey, Director for Highways, Transport and Planning.

The Committee is asked to consider the progress of the procurement process to date, and identify any problems which might delay the objective to award contracts in December 2019.

The Committee is further asked to consider how it wishes to

undertake scrutiny of performance under the new contracts.

8. **Review of Consultant's Report, and recommendations for Future Improvements of Major Projects Cost Estimating**
(Pages 49 - 118)

Report by Lee Harris, Acting Chief Executive and Matt Davey, Director of Highways, Transport and Planning.

The Committee is asked to consider the report, review its recommendations and scrutinise how the Service plans to respond to the recommendations:

9. **Requests for Call-in**

There have been no requests for call-in to the Select Committee and within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

10. **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 119 - 132)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 25 October 2019 – attached.

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

11. **Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is just to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group (BPG) to consider in detail.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 13 January 2020 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- Waste Strategy Review

- Road Safety – Safer Sussex Roads Partnership
- Fire and Rescue Service Update
- Draft Response to Consultation on the Transport for the South East Strategy

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 31 December 2019.

To all members of the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee

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