

Traffic Management and Road User Safety in West Sussex – Executive Task and Finish Group

Terms of Reference

Recent changes in national highway policy and guidance, advances in highway technology and the impact of traffic flows and road user behaviour during the Covid-19 pandemic means that a review of the County Council's approach to managing traffic in West Sussex is appropriate.

Objectives

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has established an Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) to assist in the review of various elements of traffic management policy and approach. It is expected that the TFG will consider, but not be limited to, reviewing the following matters:

- Speed Limit Policy
- Aids to movement – road lining and signing
- Moving traffic offences
- Streetworks management including Lane Rental
- Road safety and the current Road Safety Framework

Methodology

The purpose of the TFG is to act as a critical friend for officers and advise the Cabinet Member in respect of a review of associated policies. The TFG will:

- receive and consider reports on existing strategies/policies
- receive and consider reports on revisions to strategies/policies
- advise on appropriate consultation for any revised strategies/policies
- advise officers on the output of the consultation and any subsequent amendments required to various strategies/policies
- ensure that amendments to any policies are in line with other policies such as the West Sussex Transport Plan and the Climate Change Strategy
- agree recommended updates to strategies / policies to the Cabinet Member.

Members

Tom Richardson (Chairman)
Carson Albury
Brenda Burgess
Andrew Kerry-Bedell
Sean McDonald
Chris Oxlade

Officers

Andy Ekinsmyth (lead) and Chris Stark. Other officers may be required to lead on various items to be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

Meetings and Timeline

The TFG is expected to run for up to two years commencing in March 2022. Meetings will be monthly and the TFG is expected to meet eight times throughout 2022, albeit there may be a need for ad hoc meetings should circumstances dictate. The first

meeting in April 2022 will set the context for the TFG; note the Terms of Reference; agree scope and priorities; and determine the timeline and meeting structure.

Other officers or stakeholders may be invited to attend to provide evidence at the Chairman's request.

Reporting arrangements

The Task and Finish Group will report its conclusions and recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Any reports may also, subject to the Cabinet Member's determination, be used as the report to, or as part of supporting papers/evidence for consideration, by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee and/or made available to all members in The Bulletin.