

Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	24 January 2018
Officer	Andrew Martin Service Director Highways and Emergency Planning
Subject of Report	Update on “Working Together Highways” Initiative
Executive Summary	<p>During the Autumn of 2015, a request was received from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) to establish improved communication links and a collaborative commissioning framework with the County Council in relation to the delivery of minor highway maintenance activities.</p> <p>To address the communication issues, a revision to the Highway Maintenance Plan was completed to highlight the level of service provision that could be supported by current budget allocation. In addition, a web based portal was established to allow all Town and Parish Clerks access to all the Highway Service policy and performance documentation.</p> <p>To secure improved collaboration, a guidance document “Working Together Highways” was produced to provide Town and Parish Councils a number of options to commission or carry out minor highway works within their respective areas. A copy of the document is attached within Appendix 1.</p> <p>From April 2017, a number of Town Councils have entered into an Agency Agreement with the County Council, and are commissioning minor works within their areas to supplement the activities of Dorset Highways. Discussions are ongoing with a number of Parish Councils and it is hoped that a number will join the initiative in the near future.</p> <p>The Service Director will provide the Committee with a detailed update on progress by PowerPoint presentation.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A

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<p><i>Please refer to the protocol for writing reports.</i></p>	<p>Use of Evidence:</p>
	<p>Budget:</p> <p>No Dorset County Council budget provision is associated with this initiative.</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p> <p>Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council’s approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: /LOW (Delete as appropriate) Residual Risk LOW (Delete as appropriate)</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>The Committee:</p> <p>(i) Are asked to note the progress being made to date within the “Working Together Highways” initiative.</p> <p>(ii) Asked to provide comment and outline any issues they consider requires further consideration.</p>
<p>Reason for Recommendation</p>	<p>To ensure that a successful collaborative arrangement between the County Council and local communities is established in relation to minor highway maintenance activities.</p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>Appendix 1 “Working Together Highways” Guidance Document Appendix 2 Agency Agreement Template Document</p>
<p>Background Papers</p>	
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