

## **PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **NOTES OF INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2021**

**Present:** Cllrs Carole Jones (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Pauline Batstone, Toni Coombs, Ryan Hope, Sherry Jespersen, Val Potheary, Maria Roe, Andrew Starr and Roland Tarr

**Apologies:**

**Also present:** Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cllr Jean Dunseith, Cllr Spencer Flower, Cllr Barry Goringe, Cllr Ryan Holloway, Cllr Rob Hughes, Cllr Nick Ireland, Cllr Paul Kimber, Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cllr Molly Rennie, Cllr David Shortell and Cllr David Taylor

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

John Sellgren (Executive Director, Place), Matthew Piles (Corporate Director - Economic Growth and Infrastructure), Michael Hansford (Highways Assets Manager), Jack Wiltshire (Head of Highways), James Potten (Communications Business Partner - Place) and Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

#### **CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman provided the following statement:

'In the light of the situation with Covid-19 case rates, Dorset Council's Chief Executive - Matt Prosser has exercised his delegated powers to continue to hold virtual informal committee meetings.

Where a decision is required, committee members will express a 'minded to' decision in respect of recommendations set out in officer reports, with decisions being taken under officer delegated authority in the light of 'minded to' decisions expressed by members in the virtual meetings. Any decisions or recommendations required will be confirmed by the appropriate officer at the conclusion of the committee's debate on an agenda item.'

The Chairman welcomed M Roe to her first meeting as a recently appointed member of the committee.

**43. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**44. Chairman's Update**

The Chairman thanked the Vice-chairman, L Fry, for chairing the previous two meetings. She also thanked D Turner for his work as former Chairman of the committee.

**45. Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public or local organisations.

**46. Questions from Members**

There were no questions from councillors.

**47. Dorset Highways Skidding Resistance Strategy Review 2021**

The committee received and considered a report of the Head of Highways in respect of the Dorset Highways Skidding Resistance Strategy Review 2021. The Place and Resources Overview Committee was invited to review and support the proposed strategy and operational guidance document, which if supported would be subject to approval by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment.

Councillors considered the issues arising from the report and during discussion, points were covered in the following areas:

- Questions were asked in respect of section 3 of the strategy and operational guidance document – Defining the Scrim Survey Network – which was that part of the highway network on which skidding resistance would be managed according to the strategy
- Reference to ‘experienced persons’ in the document would be linked to requirements set out in relevant job descriptions
- This was a complex area for officers to deal with
- Support was expressed for the document and the work undertaken by the highways team
- Statistics would be reviewed to measure the impact of the strategy and operational guidance
- All incidents were reviewed with the Police for lessons learnt
- Skid resistance surveys were undertaken during spring, summer and autumn.

It was proposed by R Tarr seconded by S Jespersen

**Decision**

That the Place and Resources Overview Committee has reviewed and support the proposed Skid Resistance Strategy and Operational Guidance document.

The Executive Director of Place, having heard the debate, confirmed the ‘minded to’ decision, under delegated powers on behalf of the informal meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee.

48. **Place and Resources Overview Committee Forward Plan**

Councillors noted the committee's forward plan and items scheduled for future meetings.

49. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

50. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 - 10.18 am

**Chairman**

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