

Place & Resources Overview Committee

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Dorset Highways Policies

For Review and Consultation

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Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

That the Place and Resources Overview Committee support the following action, in line with the decision of the highways & transport task and finish group: Adoption of the revised policies listed in this report.

Reason for Recommendation:

The policies listed were previously adopted by Dorset County Council. The task and finish groups view is that they did not require further change currently, though they may be reviewed further in the future.

Only minor amendments have been made to the policies to reflect changes in the council and staffing.

We have taken advice on the process for adopting the policies. As only minor amendments have been made to the policies it is not seen as a key decision, so does not need a report to full council. The leader has delegated to individual members of the cabinet the ability to make executive decision of this type. Any recommendations made by the overview committee will be to the portfolio holder, Cllr Ray Bryan.

1. Executive Summary

A longer list of Policies has been reviewed by Cllr Daryl Turner and it has been agreed that only the following require to be brought forward to the committee.

1, A-Board Advertising Signs Policy

Dorset Council, as the Highway Authority, has a duty to promote the safe use of the highway by keeping it clear of obstruction. Whilst the Council has limited legal powers to authorise the erection of A-Boards on the highway, it can choose the degree to which it actively enforces against their placement. Dorset Council recognises that many local businesses use A-Boards to advertise their goods and services and wishes to support this as long as certain conditions are met to avoid nuisance and hazard to highway users.

2, Highway Improvements Policy and Procedure

To secure the safe and cost-effective delivery of Highway Improvement projects that meet LTP objectives having due regard to the built and natural environmental considerations, sustainable construction methods, risk, the community, heritage and other key influences.

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2. Financial Implications

No financial implications have been identified.

3. Well-being and Health Implications

No well-being or health implications have been identified.

4. Climate implications

No climate implications have been identified.

5. Other Implications

There are no other implications to different areas of the council.

6. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

As the policies have had no major changes all risks associated to them have not changed.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment. There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 - A-Board Advertising Signs Policy and requirements

Appendix 2 - Highway Improvements Policy and Procedure

9. Background Papers None

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.