

Overview and Scrutiny – Highways Review – V2 26 May 2022

Scope and Timeline

<p>Scope</p> <p>The purpose of the review is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the current situation on how highways schemes are prioritised and funded and explore the options available for future highways improvements. • To explore how we can work with our key partners and utilities on major highways projects (such as Network Rail and BT Openreach). 	<p>Timescales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See further details below.
<p>Methodology</p> <p>The Review Panel was established at the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 27 January 2022 as part of the budget setting process for 2022/2023.</p> <p>Agreement of Key Lines of Enquiry and subsequent issue of Call for Evidence.</p> <p>Task-and-finish group to be established to receive briefing notes and information arising from Call for Evidence (various dates).</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Board in (to be confirmed) for final agreement of recommendations for presentation to Cabinet and/or Council.</p>	<p>Communications and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invites to meetings (various dates – see details below) • Publication of final report (to be confirmed)

<p>Information required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As set out against each meeting below. 	<p>Membership of Task-and-Finish Group 7 Member of the Council, excluding Members of the Cabinet, politically balanced – Councillors Atiya-Alla, Barnby, Douglas-Dunbar, Hill, Kennedy, Chris Lewis and Mills)</p> <p>Chaired by Scrutiny Lead for Place – Councillor Kennedy</p> <p>Key Officers Kevin Mowat Alan Denby Matt Reeks Ian Jones David Edmondson Adam Luscombe</p> <p>Support Officer Teresa Buckley</p>
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Meeting/Milestone	Action	Information Required	Key Issues Arising
Task and Finish Group (Meeting 1 – 23 June 2022)	Agreement of scope of the review and call-for-evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Scope and timeline 	
Task and Finish Group (Meeting 1 – 23 June 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the roles and responsibilities of the Council and statutory partners working on Torbay’s highways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of the issues which resulted in delays to the Network Rail bridge replacement and timescale for commencement of the resurfacing works at Torwood Street. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is responsible for activity on our highways? How did Network Rail engage with the Council and other partners in advance of the project to mitigate any

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the issues that occurred and the lessons to be learned from the Network Rail bridge replacement and resurfacing works at Torwood Street. • To explore how we can work differently with our key partners and utilities on major highways projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the public engagement for the Network Rail bridge replacement and Torwood Street resurfacing. 	<p>challenges around this project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why delays happened and what was the root cause of them during this project and what can be done by Network Rail to prevent this happening on future projects? • How did BT Openreach engage with the Torwood Street project and what was the cause for the slippage in commencement of the works? • What public engagement took place on these two major schemes and how can this be improved? <p>Additional invitees: Network Rail BT Openreach Torquay Chamber of Trade and Commerce Cockington, Chelston, Livermmead Community Partnership Torquay Town Centre Community Partnership Councillor Carter</p>

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Task and Finish Group (Meeting 2 - 26 July 2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the current situation on how highways schemes are prioritised and funded and explore the options available for future highways improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Asset Management Plan and associated action plan/performance information. Torbay Local Transport Implementation Plan 2021-2026 Briefing note on the Highways Budget and where the funding comes from. Details of how the Council prioritises treatment of the road network. Proposals for how the additional £570,000 allocated to the budget for 2022/2023 will be prioritised and allocated. 	<p>Councillor Morey Jo Penhaligon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are highways works funded? How are projects prioritised and how are the Council's key strategic priorities such as climate emergency and installation of electric charging points taken into account? How do we measure delivery against the Transport Asset Management Plan to know that we have met our targets? How will the additional £570,000 allocated in 2022/2023 be prioritised and allocated? <p>Additional invitees Councillor Morey</p>
Task and Finish Group (Meeting 3 – 9 August 2022)	To understand the current situation on road safety in Torbay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2021-2026 Road Safety Strategy 2017 to 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What action is the Council doing to promote positive road safety? What is the process for reviewing the Road Safety Strategy and when will it be reviewed? <p>Additional invitees Vision Zero South West</p>

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			Police Councillor Morey
Additional meetings/milestones to be confirmed			
Overview and Scrutiny Board – (to be confirmed)	Agreement of final report to Cabinet/Council		