

# **Communities and Place Review and Development Committee**

**Thursday, 31 January 2019 at 10:30**

**County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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## **AGENDA**

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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting held on 29 November 2018   | 3 - 6   |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence  |         |
| 3 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)<br>(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests<br>(b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) |         |
| 4 | Highways Innovation  | 7 - 10  |
| 5 | Work Programme   | 11 - 14 |

### **Notes**

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of

Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Noel McMenamin (Tel. 0115 977 2670) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

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Meeting Communities and Place Review and Development Committee

Date 29 November 2018 (commencing at 10:30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Gordon Wheeler (Chairman)  
Errol Henry (Vice-Chairman)

Andrew Brown  
Stephen Garner  
John Longdon

David Martin  
Liz Plant  
Steve Vickers  
Yvonne Woodhead

**OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jim Creamer

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Martin Carnaffin	-	Place Department
Sally Gill	-	Place Department
Suzanne Heydon	-	Place Department
Derek Highton	-	Place Department
David Hughes	-	Place Department
Noel McMenamin	-	Chief Executive's Department
Sean Parks	-	Place Department

**1. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2018 OF COUNCILLOR GORDON WHEELER AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCILLOR ERROL HENRY AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee noted the appointments.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Longdon replaced Councillor Butler for this meeting only.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

There were no actions required by the Committee in relation to the issues contained within the report.

### **5. HIGHWAYS REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMME**

The report proposed a comprehensive review programme of 4 key aspects of the highways service, to be considered in the following order:

#### **Innovation**

- To review the current use of information and communication technology in the highways service including use of the Highway Asset Management System, data collection systems, communication interfaces and reporting / feedback mechanisms.
- To review the use of the latest plant and materials in delivering the highway service including the use of new repair techniques, data capture at point of service delivery and use of recycled materials.
- To review the approach to other areas of innovation and to consider the County Council's approach for bidding for funding for the trialling and testing of new innovations in the highway sector.

#### **Road Safety**

- To review our current approach to casualty reduction through education, engineering and enforcement.
- To provide information on and review current road safety education programme strands and explore how these can be extended to incorporate the adult cohort and Occupational Road Risk.
- To consider progress towards the road casualty reduction targets set nationally and locally for 2020 and explore the vision beyond 2020 for Nottinghamshire

#### **The Integrated Transport Measures Programme**

- To review the current elements of the programme in terms of demand, programme inclusion and delivered outcomes.
- To consider how the future elements of the programme align with the Local Transport Plan and the ambitions of the County Council.

- To review our approach to joint funding of projects and working with key partners.

#### Highways Asset Management, including Highway Inspections and Repair Criteria

- To consider the County Council's Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and use of the Asset Management System to include a review of highway surveys used for road condition performance indicators and the County Council's Highway Inspection and Risk Manual.
- To review the current elements of the capital programme in terms of demand, programme inclusion and delivered outcomes.
- To review our approach to the Department for Transport's incentive fund and future developments in Highway Asset Management, including how we communicate our approach to the local community.

#### **RESOLVED 2018/01**

- 1) to endorse the detail of the work programme connected with the review and development of aspects of the highways service as set out above;
- 2) to endorse that the reviews be carried out individually in the following order:
  - Innovation
  - Road Safety
  - Integrated Transport Measures Programme
  - Highways Asset Management, including Highway Inspections and Repair Criteria.

The meeting concluded at 12:25 pm

**Chairman**



31 January 2019

Agenda Item:4

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**

### **HIGHWAYS INNOVATION**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Members approval for the programme of innovations proposed by the County Council and its contractor Via EM Ltd.
2. To seek Members endorsement of the current approach to highways related professional and sector networking.
3. To seek Members endorsement for officers to pursue notable funding opportunities for the use of new technology and innovation,

#### **Information**

4. This meeting will build upon the information previously presented to the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee.
5. Although the information presented to Members will place an emphasis upon developments carried out by Via EM Ltd, it should be noted that highways had a strong history of innovation whilst the service was still being delivered in-house for example:
  - The introduction of the CONFIRM highway asset management system.
  - The deployment of interactive traffic management signs.
  - The use of innovative surfacing materials and plastic kerbs.
  - The development of a form of Term Maintenance Contract which was adopted by the Highway Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP) and rolled out nationally for use by other highway authorities.

#### **Liaison with Other Organisations.**

6. Both the County Council and Via EM Ltd. participate in a number of regional and national organisations to ensure that Nottinghamshire has full sight of highways innovations, these bodies include:
  - The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport
  - The Midlands Service Improvement Group
  - Midlands Highway Alliance

- Highways UK
- The Association for Public Service Excellence
- The Highway Term Maintenance Association
- Business in the Community
- Road Safety GB

In addition to the organisations listed above Via EM Ltd. also liaises closely with its strategic surfacing partner Tarmac Ltd. who are internationally renowned for their many innovative products.

7. The County Council in partnership with Via EM and 13 other partners recently submitted a bid to The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport seeking to build on the roll out of EV charging points, LED lighting, infrastructure improvement programmes & trials of patching techniques in Nottinghamshire. The bid sought to install a long range wireless access network in the town of Mansfield to create a smart street lighting network, and help deliver pot hole detection, improved traffic monitoring, on street & car park management, flood risk detection, road temperature monitoring and smart flashing amber warning signals.

#### **Innovations to be Presented at this Meeting**

8. The topics which will be presented to Members at this meeting will be:

- Targeted gully cleaning
- Electronic Works Management systems
- Self-provision of temporary traffic management

These innovations have been selected because they demonstrate initiatives in three stages of development i.e. initial assessment of viability, project development and adoption.

9. Where possible Via EM Ltd. will attempt to illustrate these topics with videos or demonstrations.

#### **Innovations to be presented at future meetings.**

10. It is proposed that the following topics will be presented at the March 2019 meeting:

- Artemis, claims recovery service
- Recycling of highway waste and arisings
- Salix bid for replacing street light lanterns with LEDs units
- Innovative patching techniques

11. The topics presented to the next meeting are subject to Members approval and if Members wish to discuss alternative topics the meeting agenda will be amended accordingly



## **Other Options Considered**

12. Failure to innovate will result in the County Council being unable to make use of new materials, new ways of working and new technologies, this will prevent improvements being made to the delivery of highway services and these service's value for money.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

13. The proposed programme of highways innovations will improve the value for money and quality of highway services delivered to the people of Nottinghamshire.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

15. Financial implications will be considered when any new areas of funding are developed.

## **Implications for Service Users**

16. Successful innovation will allow the County Council to make use of new materials, new ways of working and new technologies, this will allow improvements to be made to the delivery and the value for money of highway services.
17. Successful innovation will enhance the County Council's reputation amongst the residents of Nottinghamshire.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) It is recommend that Members consider the topics presented and approve the future programme of innovations proposed by the County Council and Via EM Ltd.
- 2) It is recommended that Members approve the current approach to highways related professional and sector networking.
- 3) It is recommended that Members approve officers' pursuit of notable funding opportunities for the use of new technology and innovation,

**Adrian Smith**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Gary Wood, Group Manager Highways and Transport, Tel: 0115 9774270 / Martin Carnaffin, Contract Manager, Tel: 0115 9774229

### **Constitutional Comments [SJE-24/12/2018]**

18. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to whom responsibility for the review and development of all functions falling under the remit of the Authority's Communities & Place Committee has been delegated.

### **Financial Comments [RWK 20/12/2018]**

19. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 15 of the report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All

**31 January 2019****Agenda Item: 5**

## **REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEES WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2018-19

### **Information**

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, each committee is expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. The Committee may wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions where relevant.

### **Other Options Considered**

5. None.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such

implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be agreed, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

**Marje Toward**  
**Service Director, Governance and Employees**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact: Noel McMenamin, Democratic Services Officer on 0115 993 2670**

### **Constitutional Comments (HD)**

8. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (PS)**

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- New Governance Arrangements report to County Council – 29 March 2012 and minutes of that meeting (published)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All

**COMMUNITIES AND PLACE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BI-MONTHLY)**

**WORK PROGRAMME – FEBRUARY 2019 – MARCH 2020**

REPORT TITLE	BRIEF SUMMARY OF REPORT	LEAD OFFICER	REPORT AUTHOR
<b>31 JANUARY</b>			
Highways Innovation Introductory Report		Derek Highton	Gary Wood/Martin Carnaffin/Via
<b>21 March</b>			
Highways Innovation - Recommendations		Derek Highton	Gary Wood/Martin Carnaffin/Via
<b>23 May</b>			
Highways Safety – Introductory Report		Derek Highton	Gary Wood/Sean Parks/Via
<b>18 July</b>			
Highways Safety – Recommendations		Derek Highton	Gary Wood/Sean Parks/Via

