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Meeting:	**Environment Select Committee**
Place:	**Kennet Committee Room, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN**
Date:	**Tuesday 21 November 2017**
Time:	**10.30 am**

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1   **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2   **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 7 - 16)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 19 September 2017.

3   **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4   **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

5   **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

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Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6   **Highways and Street Scene Task Group - Final Report**

This report will follow as a supplement to the agenda.

7   **Highways Infrastructure Asset Management System**

The Council applies the principles of asset management to the maintenance of the highway network. This involves developing lifecycle plans to demonstrate how funding and performance requirements are achieved through appropriate intervention and investment strategies, with the objective of minimising expenditure while providing the required performance.

Asset Management has been widely accepted by Central and Local Government as a means to deliver a more efficient and effective approach to the management of highway infrastructure assets, through longer term planning and ensuring that standards are defined and achievable for available budgets.

Wiltshire Council recognises the importance of adopting such an approach for its most valuable asset, and has developed and published a Highway Asset Management Strategy. This demonstrates Wiltshire Council's commitment to ensuring the public can safely use the highway and contributes to the achievement of its corporate goals.

The Committee will receive a presentation on the following: detail on the procurement process for the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management System; how the new system will inform the capital programme; the IT support required to progress this project.

8   **Local Highways Investment Fund** *(Pages 17 - 98)*

The 'Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020' is addressing the longstanding under investment in highways maintenance, which has been a problem nationally for many years. The significant investment of £21 million annually in recent years by Wiltshire Council has already seen a substantial improvement in the condition of the county's road network, with a significant number of roads treated.

Good progress has been made on reducing the road maintenance backlog in recent years, but other highway assets, including street lighting, safety fences, road signs, footways and traffic signals will need investment to keep them safe in the future and to avoid expensive unplanned emergency repairs.

Budgets and funding for highway maintenance have not yet been agreed for 2018/19. The Committee will consider a report on this item and the funding

proposed for 2018/19.

9   **Public Transport Review Update** *(Pages 99 - 108)*

Faced with increasing demands for services against its limited resources, the Council reviewed discretionary expenditure in the passenger transport service. The main aim of the passenger transport service is to provide transport for education, access to rural areas that are not served by the commercial bus network, and access to employment.

Extensive stakeholder and public consultation was undertaken from mid-2015 to April 2016; to help determine the impact of any reduction to Wiltshire Council supported bus services, particularly on individuals. The results of this consultation were reported to Cabinet on 14 June 2016.

At 19 September 2017 ESC, the Committee received the Public Transport Review Task Group's final report and agreed to receive an update in 12 months regarding the implementation of the bus service changes, following the consultation results where Cabinet resolved to reduce £500,000 from the public transport budget.

10   **Executive Response to the Public Transport Review Task Group**

This report will follow as a supplement to the agenda.

11   **Highways Annual Review of Service** *(Pages 109 - 194)*

The local highway network is vital for businesses and communities, and effective maintenance to ensure its availability is essential to the economic development of the county. Wiltshire Council recognises the importance of maintaining and managing its highway network effectively.

The Committee will receive the Annual Report on the Highways service area. The consideration of this report effectively aids the Committee in its role of reviewing the performance of this particular service area.

12   **Amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 - Car Parking Strategy** *(Pages 195 - 196)*

Following approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 12 September 2017, the public consultation on amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Car Parking Strategy commenced on 28 September 2017.

The Environment Select Committee considered a report on the above at their 19 September 2017 meeting; where Members discussed the consultation and the importance of the item returning to Committee, once the outcome of the consultation was known.

The Associate Director, Highways and Transport, felt it would be helpful for the Committee to receive a further briefing note on the item; which would capitalise on detail around the consultation process.

13   **Task Group Update** *(Pages 197 - 198)*

Written updates on Environment Select Committee Task Group activity are attached.

14   **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 199 - 208)*

To note and receive updates on the progress of items on the forward work programme.

Under the revised Overview and Scrutiny (OS) arrangements there is now a single OS work programme controlled by the OS Management Committee, linked to priorities in the Business Plan.

Therefore it should be noted that, whilst any matters added by Members are welcome, they will be referred to the OS Management Committee for approval before formal inclusion in the work programme for the Environment Select Committee.

A copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme for the Environment Select Committee is attached for reference.

15   **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

16   **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 16 January 2018.