

## **Wiltshire Council**

### **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

**7 January 2014**

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#### **Report of the Highways and Streetscene Contract Rapid Scrutiny Exercise (Balfour Beatty Living Places - BBLP)**

##### **Purpose of report**

- 1 To present the findings of the Rapid Scrutiny Group and to seek endorsement for its recommendations.

##### **Background**

- 2 As a member of the O & S Management Committee, Cllr Osborn submitted a request to the Committee for it to undertake a scrutiny exercise on the Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) contract. The request was considered at the meeting of the Committee on 5 November; to enable members to discuss the matter from an informed position, the executive had been invited to comment on the request and to supply any supporting information. A report was received from the Cabinet member and was discussed at the Committee meeting.
- 3 Following debate, the Committee agreed the following:
  - a) That a rapid scrutiny exercise would be conducted on the content of the report submitted by the Cabinet member to enable greater clarity of the concerns raised;
  - b) That a progress report would be presented to the Environment Select Committee after the winter, addressing operational performance;
  - c) That the Environment Select Committee conduct a full scrutiny exercise in June 2014, after the first full year of operation of the new contract.
- 4 The rapid scrutiny exercise being reported is the first of the three agreed actions.

##### **Main considerations**

- 5 The Rapid Scrutiny Group worked through the report provided by the executive systematically, and executive members, officers and a BBLP representative were present to respond to members' questions. The report was supplemented with updated performance data provided by the highways service.

- 6 The Committee is asked to consider the attached report of the BBLP Rapid Scrutiny Exercise and endorse its recommendations.

**Proposal**

- 7 To endorse the recommendations in paragraph 36 and refer the report to the relevant Cabinet members for response.

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