

Agenda Item No. 10:

Hay Lane/Croft Road Task Group Final Report Recommendations

The Task Group's commitment to help restore public confidence in the way WCC handles strategic 'Out of County' applications is key to the recommendations. WCC has documented its commitment to transparency and openness in the way it delivers local service, these recommendations will help to realise these goals.

- (1) The Task Group supports and recommends the creation of a Planning Board. This would consist of Senior Environmental Service Officers and Cabinet Member. The board would monitor strategic/major planning applications, particularly at pre-application stage; enabling potential contentious applications to be identified at an earlier stage of the planning process.
- (2) The Task group recommends that strategic 'out of county' applications are passed to the cabinet member for response. The new Planning Board will be responsible for identifying the applications that are passed to the Cabinet member.
- (3) Despite the complications in finalising the transport solution for J16, the Task Group recommends that the Wootton Bassett public meeting to discuss Condition 99 should be finalised as soon as possible.
- (4) The Task Group endorses the installation of the planning website, scheduled for later this year, which will permit on line tracking and better visibility of planning applications. The Task Group recommends that this system should also include strategic "out of county" applications where WCC is included in the consultation process.