

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 18 June 2019
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Derek Brown OBE
Cllr Clare Cape
Cllr Peter Evans
Cllr Peter Fuller
Cllr Mike Hewitt
Cllr Tony Jackson

Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Nick Murry
Cllr Steve Oldrieve
Cllr Tom Rounds
Cllr John Smale

Substitutes:

Cllr Ernie Clark
Cllr Brian Dalton
Cllr Sue Evans
Cllr Jose Green
Cllr Mollie Groom
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PART I

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

1 **Election of Chairman 2019/20**

To elect a chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

2 **Election of Vice-Chairman 2019/20**

To elect a vice-chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

3 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

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

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 23 April 2019.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

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

6 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 17 - 26*)

To receive the following announcements:

- 'Western Gateway' Sub-National Transport Body
- Killed and Seriously Injured: Motorbike and Cyclist data
- Public transport Review

7 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

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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.

8 **Rapid Scrutiny: Plastic Waste in Wiltshire's Roads - Final Report**

To receive the final report of the rapid scrutiny exercise. This report will be added as a supplementary item to the agenda.

9 **Dog Excrement** (*Pages 27 - 30*)

To receive a briefing paper on the impact that dog fouling in the countryside has on livestock, as requested by this Committee at its meeting held on [8 January 2019](#).

10 **Updates from task groups and representatives on programme boards** (*Pages 31 - 34*)

To receive any updates on recent activity for active task groups and from members of the Environment Select Committee who have been appointed as overview and scrutiny representatives on programme boards.

11 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 35 - 40*)

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.

12 **Urgent Items**

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 3 September 2019.

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ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 2019 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Brian Mathew (Substitute) and Cllr John Smale (Chairman)

Also Present:

Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham and Cllr Graham Wright

31 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clare Cape.

Cllr Cape was substituted by Cllr Brian Mathew.

32 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2019 were approved as an accurate record, subject to the inclusion of the following wording at minute 27:

- Cllr Oldrieve asked if recent evidence from Denmark on Housing First would be included in the Homelessness Strategy's Task Group's work. As Chairman of the Task Group, Cllr Wright confirmed that this would be included in the Task Group's work.

33 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

34 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Committee received the following Chairman's announcements:

1. Killed and Seriously Injured Incidences

The announcement provided an update on the killed and seriously injured incidences, following consideration of the Highways Annual Review of Service at the Environment Select Committee on 6 November 2018.

The Director for Highways and Environment responded to questions about motorbike and cyclist accident statistics. He confirmed that the figures relied upon information provided by Wiltshire Police, and the majority of accidents were the result of human error.

2. Public Transport Review Update

The announcement provided an update on the Public Transport Review. The Committee noted that the Department of Transport decided to conduct a consultation on Section 19 and 22 permits for not-for-profit passenger transport, and following this, new guidance was published by the Government on 15 March 2019.

The Head of Passenger Transport explained that a Judicial Review was currently taking place about the definition of 'non-commercial' within the Government guidance and in the interim period, whilst a decision is being considered, the Council would continue to issue permits.

Resolved:

1. That the Director for Highways and Environment provide further statistical information in relation to the motorbike and cyclist accidents to a future meeting of the Committee.
2. That the Head of Passenger Transport provide a statement from the Council outlining the latest position of the Public transport review, and that a full update be considered by the Committee at its meeting to be held on 18 June 2019.

35 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

36 **Award of the New Highways Term Consultancy Contract**

The Committee received an update report on the current position regarding the award of a new Highways Term Consultancy Contract.

The Committee were informed that the current contract, which provides technical support and assistance to the Council for the provision of essential

highway and related services, comes to an end on 30 November 2019. The update identified how the tender process and evaluation would be undertaken.

It was noted that the tender evaluation and moderation process was expected to be complete in June 2019, with a report being considered by Cabinet on 11 June 2019. An update on the outcome of the tender assessment process would also be provided to this Committee once the assessment is complete.

Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste and Director of Highways and Environment responded to questions about the quality of work undertaken during the current contract and the importance of reporting issues to the Council.

Resolved: To receive an update on the outcome of the tender assessment process at the next meeting of the Committee on 18 June 2019.

37 **Waste Management**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Waste and Environment which provided information about the actions taken in response to fly tipping during 2018/19 and addresses other issues arising from the Executive Response to the final report of the Waste Contracts Task Group provided by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste.

Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet member for Highways, Transport and Waste and the Director for Waste and Environment, responded to a number of issues and comments from the Committee. In particular, the following issues and comments were raised:

- The number of enforcement reports investigated compared to the number of prosecutions.
- The number of fixed penalty notices issued.
- The possibility of seizing vehicles used by fly-tippers.
- The use of covert and overt surveillance and the regulation of covert surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
- The number of fly-tipping prosecutions to be included in the Town and Parish Council's Newsletter.

The Cabinet member for Highways, Transport and Waste reported that the number of tipping incidents reported between April 2018 and March 2019 had reduced by about 10% compared to the previous year. The Cabinet member confirmed that the Council would prosecute where evidence is available.

Resolved: To endorse the work that Waste are doing using covert surveillance to address the issue of fly-tipping in Wiltshire.

38 **Air Quality Strategy**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Public Health and Public Protection seeking the views of the Committee on the draft Air Quality Strategy prior to public consultation and subsequent consideration by Cabinet.

Cllr Ben Anderson, Portfolio holder for Public Health and Public Protection introduced the report and explained that local authorities had a duty to monitor air quality within their areas having regard to national air quality objectives and standards and report this information to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs annually. The existing Wiltshire Air Quality Strategy needs to be refreshed as it was originally published in 2011. He explained that Wiltshire enjoyed good air quality in the vast majority of its towns and villages. However, there were currently eight Air Quality Management Areas in Wiltshire where traffic related pollution levels exceeded national standards. The areas included Bradford on Avon, Calne, Devizes, Marlborough, Salisbury (3) and Westbury.

The Committee noted that it was generally difficult to achieve improvements in air quality as they rely on individuals, businesses and communities changing their travel behaviour. Given this, the strategy recognised that improving areas of poor air quality can only be achieved by working collaboratively across the council, and with local communities and other relevant organisations and agencies.

Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection, and Cllr Ben Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Public Protection responded to a number of issues and comments from the Committee. In particular, the following issues and comments were raised:

- Concern about the increase in Air Quality Management Areas from 4 to 8 over the last few years and the need to implement plans to see improvements in the air quality in those areas.
- Details about local community action plans not specified in the Strategy document.
- It was recognised that poor air quality across Wiltshire was due to standing traffic in towns.
- The need for the Air Quality Strategy outcomes to be connected to the Transport Strategy.
- Encourage the measurement and consideration of particulates below 2.5 in the Strategy.
- The connection between the Air Quality Strategy and other Council Strategies.
- Discussions required at a local level and encourage input from communities in measuring air quality to make it easier for the Council to respond.
- Encourage lobbying for additional funds and monitoring of air quality in appropriate areas.
- Lack of financial support from the Government to reduce the impact of diesel vehicles and accelerate the move to cleaner transport.
- Difficulties of measuring down to 2.5microns to be included in the Strategy.

Cllr Oldrieve, seconded by Cllr Murry, moved that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection and Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Public Protection to review the Strategy before submitting it to the Cabinet for approval and for the Strategy to include a response to Wiltshire's air quality on a risk basis, as well as how the Council would specifically tackle the 8 Air Quality Management Areas. The move was not supported by the majority of the Committee.

Cllr Anderson confirmed that he would take into account a number of comments made by the Committee and incorporate them in the Strategy where appropriate.

Resolved:

- 1. Notes the draft strategy.**
- 2. Agrees for the comments from the Committee to be incorporated in to the draft document, as detailed below:**
 - a. Monitoring of air quality by communities.**
 - b. To highlight in the Air Quality Strategy the links to other Council Strategies.**
 - c. Focus more on monitoring of air quality**
- 3. Approves the strategy being considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to approval by Cabinet.**

39 **ECO Board: Annual Update**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director, Growth, Investment and Place which provided an annual update of the ECO Board on their progress and future plans. The report also included detail on actions taken by the Board over the past 12 months, as requested by the Committee at their meeting on 12 March 2019.

Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property introduced the report and explained that local authorities had a range of responsibilities relating to climate change, and required a framework for discharging these responsibilities in the form of a strategy. Wiltshire Council was a signatory of the Climate Local Initiative, which committed the council to continually identify ways of saving money on energy bills, reduce carbon emissions, reduce flood risks and managing the impacts of extreme weather. The Council has developed an Energy Change and Opportunity (ECO) Strategy, which sets out the Council's ambition to reduce its carbon emissions and lead the county's low carbon transition and prepare for climate change. The ECO Board was charged with overseeing the delivery of the ECO Strategy and approve and monitor the delivery of the Action Plans listed in the report.

The Committee noted that the Council has produced a Core Strategy for the county which identified addressing climate change as a key strategic objective and detailed a number of policies to be delivered. Cllr Sturgis reported that a majority of Action Plans had met their targets and actions as originally set out. However, some Action Plans approved by the ECO Board are being reviewed periodically by the lead service directorates as part of their implementation.

Cllr Sturgis responded to a number of issues and comments from the Committee. In particular, the following issues and comments were raised:

- The recycling and composting rate and the ambition to set a new target.
- Future meetings of the ECO Board, in light of the establishment of a Climate Change Task Group.
- Encouraging communities to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste created.

Resolved: To endorse the continuance of the ECO Board until the Climate Change Task Group commences.

40 **Referral from Full Council and OS Management Committee: Notices of Motion on Climate Change, the Environment and Global Warming**

The Committee considered the report of the Lead Scrutiny Officer which (i) Presented two Notices of Motion passed by Full Council on 28 February 2019 that reference involvement from Overview and Scrutiny (OS); (ii) Invited the Environment Select Committee to establish a task group to undertake the work outlined in the report, as requested by OS Management Committee on 26 March 2019; and (iii) Presented information to support councillors' consideration of how the actions set out in the motions could be addressed, set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

The Committee heard from (i) Cllr Wright, Chair of the OS Management Committee, who reported that the OS Management Committee were overwhelmingly in support of the issue being considered by a Task Group of the Environment Select Committee; (ii) Cllr Whitehead, Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement, ICT and Operational Assets, who spoke to his motion that was agreed by Full Council in February 2019; and (iii) Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property, who reported that climate change policies were already included in the Wiltshire Core Strategy 2006-2026. He reminded the Committee that any new proposals arising from the work of the Task Group relating to Spatial Planning and Development Management would need to be evidence based and financially viable, as the proposals would be examined by the Planning Inspector. Cllr Sturgis confirmed that he would be pleased to offer any advice and respond to questions and comments from the Task Group.

The Committee noted that the current Director for Waste and Environment would provide the lead and support the Task Group in its development of

recommendations and plan to achieve the pledge referred to in the motions to Full Council along with the undertaking of a carbon/renewables audit.

The Committee commented on a number of issues that the Task Group would need to consider, including the following:

- Advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer on the scope and framework that the Task Group can work within.
- Realistic expectations required by the public in relation to (i) what the Council can do versus what the public can do; (ii) The Council working in partnership to become carbon neutral; (iii) the organisations to be involved to enable Wiltshire to become carbon neutral.
- The production of a set of definitions by the Task Group to be included in the Terms of Reference, for example carbon neutral, county of Wiltshire.
- Setting out what the Task Group want to achieve for Wiltshire.
- The definition of County of Wiltshire i.e. council owned buildings, and the areas that the Council can influence, e.g. planning, farming (gaining carbon neutrality).
- The need for the Task Group to work in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Resolved:

- 1. As requested by Full Council and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, to establish a task group to:**
 - a) develop recommendations and a plan to achieve making the county of Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030 along with undertaking a carbon / renewables audit;**
 - b) agree parameters with the relevant Cabinet Member or Portfolio Holder that represent the council impact on the environment and can be accurately reported to council on a regular basis, to potentially include those measures suggested in the motion to Full Council;**
 - c) for the Task Group to consider information collected from the Rapid Scrutiny: Plastic Waste in Wiltshire's roads; and**
 - d) and for all comments from today's debate to be considered by the Task Group**
- 2. Task Group to devise draft terms of reference, to be brought back to the Environment Select Committee on 18th June for endorsement.**
- 3. For the Environment Select Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman to determine the final task group membership.**

41 Updates from task groups and representatives on programme boards

The Committee received the following updates:

- Homelessness Strategy Task Group - Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Task Group, provided an update on recent activity of the Task Group, in particular the meeting held on 11 March 2019. In addition, the Committee were asked to endorse a change to the membership of the Task Group and seek a member from Salisbury who would be willing to serve on the Task Group.
- Late-Night Taxi Fares Task Group – Cllrs Brown, McLennan and Peter Evans provided updates on the work of the Task Group. It was noted that following this Committee’s consideration of the task Groups final report, the Licensing Committee also considered the final report at their meeting held on 11 March 2019. The Committee noted that the Licensing Committee agreed to set up a Working Group to consider the taxi tariffs across Wiltshire. The Scrutiny Lead Officer explained that the Group would be seeking further information on taxi tariffs in addition to the work already carried out by the Task Group.

Resolved:

1. **To note the updates.**
2. **To endorse the stepping-down of Cllr John Walsh and Cllr Matthew Dean from the Homelessness Strategy Task Group, and the Group continuing to operate with six members, as follows:**
 - **Cllr David Halik**
 - **Cllr Deborah Halik**
 - **Cllr Gordon King**
 - **Cllr Pip Ridout**
 - **Cllr Tom Rounds**
 - **Cllr Graham Wright**
3. **To seek a member from Salisbury to serve on the Homelessness Task Group.**

42 Forward Work Programme

The Senior Scrutiny Officer introduced the Committee’s Forward Work Programme, asked for confirmation about how to progress a number of items and provided updates on the Committee’s work scheduled for the forthcoming meeting on 18 June 2019.

The Chairman confirmed that an update from the Climate Change Task Group would be received at the meeting to be held on 18 June 2019. This update would be received under the standard agenda item of ‘Updates from task groups and representatives on programme boards’.

Resolved: To note the Forward Work Programme.

43 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

44 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18 June 2019.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.40 pm)

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 June 2019

Chairman's Announcement: Sub National Transport Body

Summary

At their meeting on 27th March 2018¹, Cabinet resolved to support ongoing discussions with neighbouring authorities in the South West, leading to the establishment of a sub-national transport body (or bodies).

Background

Sub National Transport Bodies (STBs) were identified, with accompanying legislation, within the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016. By formulating an STB, local partners have the ability to have direct influence over decisions that are currently within the control of Government and its agencies.

Officers gave a presentation to the Committee on 18th July 2018, explaining the opportunities associated with such bodies.

There are currently 8 STBs across the country.

The Western Gateway Shadow Sub-National Transport Body (WGSSTB) was officially formed in a shadow status in December 2018 with Cllr Bridget Wayman elected as Chair.

The constituent authorities are: Bath and North East Somerset Council; BCP Council (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole); Bristol City Council; Dorset Council; Gloucestershire County Council; North Somerset Council; South Gloucestershire Council; West of England Combined Authority; and Wiltshire Council.

The map attached as appendix 1 illustrates that geography.

Main Considerations for the Council

In his October 2018 Budget, the Chancellor announced government's commitment to establishing a National Roads Fund worth **£28.8bn** for the second Road Investment Strategy (RIS2), from 2020 to 2025.

£25.3bn is allocated to Highways England towards maintaining the Strategic Road Network (SRN) – the remainder (**£3.5bn**) will pay for the new Major Roads Network (MRN) and Large Local Major (LLM) road schemes during the period 2020 to 2025.

The immediate focus for STBs is therefore on schemes that are eligible for funding in RIS2 – STBs are however encouraged to develop strategies that anticipate schemes coming forward for funding in subsequent RIS periods.

Guidance published by the Department for Transport in December 2018 outlined the process for submitting bids for both the Major Road Network and Large Local Major scheme funding.

¹ Proposals for the Creation of a Major Road Network – consultation: Report [HERE](#)

The guidance clarified the role of Sub-National Transport Bodies, to plan and prioritise investments in a way which makes best use of the newly formed National Roads Fund.

The types of schemes which would be considered for funding include:

- Bypasses
- Missing Links
- Major structural works
- Major junction improvements
- Use of smart technology including Vehicle Activated Signs
- Packages of improvements including: safety, road widening, junction improvements

Major Road Network schemes need to be completed by April 2025 and Large Local Major schemes need to have commenced construction by this date. Major Road Network schemes should cost in excess of £20m and Large Local Major schemes in excess of £50m.

Our STB has devised an appraisal process to prioritise schemes being promoted by the constituent authorities. Following a Business and Transport Forum on 12 June 2019 and consideration and approval by the WGSSTB Board on 18 June 2019, our sub-national Regional Evidence Base including scheme business cases will be submitted as our regional priorities to the Department for Transport in July 2019.

The Wiltshire schemes being recommended to the Board for inclusion are:

Scheme Name	Est Scheme Cost	Start date
MRN - A350 Chippenham Bypass– Phases 4 & 5	£21m	2020/21
MRN - A338 Southern Salisbury Improvements	£15.8m	2021/22
MRN – A350 - M4 J17 Improvement	£20m	2022/23
LLM - A350 Melksham Bypass	£78.8m	2023/24

DfT’s response to STB submissions (confirming which schemes they have agreed to fund) is expected late 2019

Financial Considerations

Each of the 9 constituent authorities forming the STB has agreed to contribute a modest sum towards running costs (legal, technical, admin, comms etc) – Wiltshire’s contribution will be found within existing budgets.

DfT expect promoting authorities to make a local contribution towards successful schemes of around 15% of their capital cost. If Wiltshire schemes succeed in attracting DfT funding, our contribution could come from a number of sources including CIL, Section 106/direct provision, HIF (for Chippenham), NPIF and other competitive funding opportunities.

Recommendation

A further briefing note be presented to Members once the outcome of the STB's submission is known.

Cllr Bridget Wayman

Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 June 2019

Chairman's Announcement: Killed and Seriously Injured Incidences

Background

As resolved at [23 April 2019](#) meeting, the Environment Select Committee asked to receive data collected by Wiltshire Police on motorbike and cyclist Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) incidences in the county.

Data

The attached data, Appendix 1 – Motorcycles and Appendix 2 – Pedal Cycles, shows a decrease in KSI incidences. This data accounts for all casualty severities and not just KSI incidences.

The exception to this decrease is 'Table 2' of Appendix 1; where June 2018 shows a surge in monthly casualties. However, this figure falls within the overall observed maximum and minimum monthly variations and presents as a spike, because 2017 saw a year of much lower overall casualty figures.

Collisions involving motorcycles tend to follow a seasonal pattern associated with the weather conditions. As a result, variations in the data can be affected by periods of warm / dry weather conditions, where there is often an increase in recreational motorcycle use. Therefore, weather conditions are the most likely factor to result in a higher number of recorded collisions in any given month.

Cllr Bridget Wayman - Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Parvis Khansari - Director for Highways and Environment

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Accidents between dates **01/01/2015 and 31/07/2018** (43) months

Selection:
 Selected using Pre-defined Query : 2 Wiltshire Council Local
 Roads and TWMV Collisions

Notes:
 Two Wheel Motor Vehicle Collisions

Table 1 - Accidents by Month

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
January	9	8	7	6	30
February	4	9	6	5	24
March	12	11	9	7	39
April	11	9	9	12	41
May	15	14	12	10	51
June	17	14	8	14	53
July	16	15	8	12	51
August	10	16	12	-	38
September	11	13	12	-	36
October	13	17	7	-	37
November	8	9	9	-	26
December	3	10	7	-	20
TOTAL	129	145	106	66	446

Table 2 - Casualties by Month

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
January	9	9	8	6	32
February	4	9	6	5	24
March	12	12	10	7	41
April	14	15	9	13	51
May	15	15	13	10	53
June	18	14	8	18	58
July	16	18	11	14	59
August	10	18	12	-	40
September	12	15	12	-	39
October	14	18	7	-	39
November	9	9	9	-	27
December	3	10	8	-	21
TOTAL	136	162	113	73	484

Table 3 - All Accidents by Severity

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Fatal	4	2	5	3	14
Serious	41	50	28	22	141
Slight	84	93	73	41	291
TOTAL	129	145	106	66	446

Table 4 - Casualties by Severity

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Fatal	4	2	5	3	14
Serious	41	52	28	24	145
Slight	91	108	80	46	325
TOTAL	136	162	113	73	484

Accidents between dates **01/01/2015 and 31/07/2018** (43) months

Selection:

Selected using Pre-defined Query : 2 Wiltshire Council Local
Roads and TWMV Collisions

Notes:

Two Wheel Motor Vehicle Collisions

Accidents between dates **01/01/2015 and 31/07/2018** (43) months
Selection: **Notes:**
 Selected using Pre-defined Query : 2 Wiltshire Council Local Pedal Cycles
 Roads and Cycle Accidents (Inc non cyclist cas)

Table 1 - Accidents by Month

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
January	4	11	4	8	27
February	7	7	7	8	29
March	2	5	7	3	17
April	10	8	2	9	29
May	11	13	11	6	41
June	8	14	12	12	46
July	12	11	14	10	47
August	5	14	5	-	24
September	15	9	9	-	33
October	11	10	8	-	29
November	7	10	12	-	29
December	11	4	12	-	27
TOTAL	103	116	103	56	378

Table 2 - Casualties by Month

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
January	4	11	5	8	28
February	8	7	7	8	30
March	2	6	7	3	18
April	10	8	2	9	29
May	11	14	11	6	42
June	8	15	12	13	48
July	12	11	15	10	48
August	5	14	5	-	24
September	15	9	11	-	35
October	12	10	9	-	31
November	7	10	12	-	29
December	11	4	12	-	27
TOTAL	105	119	108	57	389

Table 3 - All Accidents by Severity

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Fatal	4	3	0	2	9
Serious	20	20	33	11	84
Slight	79	93	70	43	285
TOTAL	103	116	103	56	378

Table 4 - Casualties by Severity

	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Fatal	4	3	0	2	9
Serious	20	20	33	11	84
Slight	81	96	75	44	296
TOTAL	105	119	108	57	389

Accidents between dates **01/01/2015 and 31/07/2018** (43) months

Selection:
Selected using Pre-defined Query : 2 Wiltshire Council Local
Roads and Cycle Accidents (Inc non cyclist cas)

Notes:

Pedal Cycles

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 June 2019

Briefing Note: Dog Excrement

Background

Following a Briefing Note received by the Environment Select Committee (ESC) on Ragwort on [8 January 2019](#), it was resolved that the Committee receive a Briefing Note on Dog Excrement and the impact that it has on Wiltshire's countryside and livestock.

Main Considerations

National Context

Dog fouling is regarded as a national concern, with the UK's dog population excreting around 10,000 tonnes per week.

Dog excrement can spread infections and diseases, such as Toxocariasis, which affects humans. Symptoms include dizziness and nausea, asthma and epileptic seizures and Toxocariasis can lead to serious eye damage or, in some cases, permanent blindness. Dog mess also harbours parasites that can harm farm animals, especially cows and sheep.

[Dogs \(Protection of wildlife\) Act 1953](#) states that dog owners, whether they live rurally or are simply visiting the countryside for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their pets under control at all times. All dogs should be on a close lead when walking anywhere near livestock. Dogs caught worrying sheep are liable to be shot and their owners liable to prosecution and heavy costs. [The Animals Act 1971](#) places civil liability for damages done by a dog on the keeper of the dog. This includes damage by killing or injuring livestock.

Natural England's [Countryside Code](#) details that dog owners must take particular care to ensure that their animal does not scare livestock, or birds and other wildlife nesting on the ground. It asks that owners clear up dog mess responsibly and regularly worm their dog; to protect it, other animals and people. The Code also states that in some areas of 'access land', dogs may need to be kept on a lead and dog owners should always adhere to any such signs.

Wiltshire Council¹

Wiltshire's Rights of Way network provides over 3,800 miles of footpaths, bridleways and byways, together with 67,000 acres of 'access land' across the county. Many of Wiltshire's public rights of way cross fields used to grow crops or graze animals.

¹ Wiltshire Council, A guide for dog owners and dog walkers [\[online\]](#)

People walking their dogs are welcome, provided that dogs are kept under control and their owners clear up after them.

The Council [asks](#) that dog owners do not let their animal foul in a public right of way, or open space. The Council encourages dog owners to train their pet to use the garden, before taking the animal out for a walk. Dog owners are also asked to always carry a plastic bag, in the instance that the dog's mess can be picked up and disposed of properly.

PCSOs (Policy Community Support Officers) and the Council's Dog Wardens can serve residents with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) and individuals can be fined up to £1000, if they are found guilty of not clearing up after their dog.

The Council highlights to dog owners that it is an offence to allow a dog to chase or attack livestock and a farmer is legally entitled to shoot a dog, if they are unable to stop it chasing or worrying livestock. The Countryside Code states that dogs should be kept under close control and the Council asks dog owners to walk dogs on a lead, if the animal(s) does not respond to the owner's call and is prone to wandering out of sight.

If someone witnesses a dog fouling and an owner not clearing up the mess, they are encouraged to report this to the Council's Dog Wardens. It is often difficult to catch offenders without the following information and an authorised officer usually needs to witness the offence being committed, before a FPN can be issued:

- Time/date/location of incident
- Frequency of offence - if it happens regularly
- Description/breed of dog
- Descriptions of the offender
- A photo of the dog/incident is useful to identify the dog (however this cannot be used as evidence)
- Witness' name/address/phone number
- Name/address of offender, if known.

According to the Council's Rights of Way Officers, dog fouling is seen to be an issue in Wiltshire. For example, in some areas where there is a Public Right of Way (PROW), it is almost impossible for livestock to graze; because of dogs and humans not walking along the correct pathway. Additionally, dog excrement contaminates hay and thus, the inability to make use of a PROW field for hay because of a dog's uncleared mess, places an economic burden on the farmer. This matter is also replicated in Wiltshire's playing fields, where uncleared dog excrement causes contamination problems.

Wirral Council²

[Wirral Council](#) recently considered banning dogs from more than 100 public places, following concerns raised about excessive dog mess in the locality. The proposed ban was set to limit the maximum number of dogs that can be walked by a single

² BBC News, January 2019, Wirral dog ban plan rejected by councillors [\[online\]](#)

individual to six, and leads were not allowed to be more than two metres. Significantly, the Council's Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee [voted](#) to reject the ban and the Cabinet Member has not yet made a formal decision on the matter.

Whilst this ban is not currently in force in the Wirral, the Council does currently ban dogs from some public areas, such as children's playgrounds. The rejected ban would have also seen dogs prohibited from cemeteries and picnic areas. The scrutiny committee was informed that a minority of dog owners, in this case two per cent, behave irresponsibly and the proposed ban could therefore represent a disproportionate response.

Proposal

That the Environment Select Committee considers whether further action, in terms of scrutiny engagement, is required.

Cllr Bridget Wayman – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Parvis Khansari – Director for Highways and Environment

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 June 2019

Task Group and Programme Boards Representatives Updates

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group and programme board activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Homelessness Strategy Task Group

Membership:

Cllr David Halik

Cllr Deborah Halik

Cllr Gordon King

Cllr Pip Ridout

Cllr Tom Rounds

Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman)

Supporting Officer: Natalie Heritage

Terms of Reference:

1. To support the development of a Homelessness Strategy which aims to prevent and reduce homelessness in Wiltshire by considering:

- a) Partnership working arrangements - which can help to facilitate a holistic response to the causes of homelessness and the accessibility of advice and information around homelessness and housing options
- b) Projections of homelessness in the county
- c) The availability of suitable and appropriate accommodation
- d) Provision for the needs of vulnerable groups deemed as most at risk of homelessness
- e) The reasons why individuals become either at risk of or homeless

2. To meet every 8 weeks or on an ad-hoc basis as appropriate, until the conclusion of the Cabinet's work in in drafting a Homelessness Strategy September 2019.

Recent activity:

The Task Group have met on 15 April and 20 May since their last update to Committee. 15 April saw the Task Group discuss their findings from their independent interviews with private sector agents and landlords with the Executive and Officers. Despite the fact that nothing was highlighted from these interviews

which Housing are not already aware of/working on, the Task Group took this as a positive sign that the service is operating well and is establishing good relationships with the private sector.

On 20 May the Task Group discussed how the Council provides a service both to those facing homelessness, or those who have been made homeless. The meeting touched on the provision provided by neighbouring Local Authorities and where Wiltshire's service features among this list. The Task Group will be conducting shadowing exercises with Housing Options in each of the three Council Hubs; to deepen their understanding of the reasons why individuals become homeless and how the Council responds to such needs. Housing are also looking to undertake a 'Mystery Shopping' exercise with the Housing Options teams on neighbouring Local Authorities and the Task Group are also going to participate in this activity.

The next meeting of the Task Group takes place on 10 June, where the Task Group will be interviewing the Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach Team to investigate the Council's service provision for rough sleepers.

2. Climate Change Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Allison Bucknell
Cllr Clare Cape
Cllr Tony Deane
Cllr Sarah Gibson
Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Brian Mathew
Cllr Nick Murry
Cllr Fred Westmoreland
Cllr Graham Wright (Chairman)

Terms of Reference (draft):

The task group will be considering a set of draft terms of reference at their next meeting, which they will agree and provide to the Environment Select Committee at their next scheduled meeting.

Recent activity:

The task group on Climate Change met for the first time on Tuesday 4th June. At the meeting the members nominated and elected Cllr Graham Wright as the chairman of the task group. Following this an introductory presentation regarding the topic of climate change was provided for the task group from the supporting scrutiny officer. Members then began scoping their future investigations. This included considering the areas (such as waste and planning) that the task group could be effective in investigating the current progress and future potential for addressing climate change. Members have requested information on: where are we now; where we want to progress to; how we are going to progress; and what are the impacts in relation to these areas.

The next scheduled meeting for the task group is Thursday 20th June, where they plan to receive the requested information.

3. Late-Night Taxi Fares Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Derek Brown OBE
Cllr Brian Dalton
Cllr Matthew Dean
Cllr Peter Evans
Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Graham Payne (Chairman)

Terms of Reference:

In the context of the Salisbury recovery effort and reports of high late-night fares being charged in the Salisbury area,

1. To investigate whether the current schedule of late-night tariffs for Hackney carriages, as adopted by the Licensing Committee in 2014,
 - a) Is supportive of Wiltshire's night time economy (NTE)
 - b) Is comparable to, and competitive with, night time centres in adjoining counties
 - c) Provides a fair system across all parts of the county.
2. To make any evidenced recommendations for improvement as appropriate.

Recent activity:

The Licensing Committee considered the Task Group's final report at their 11 March 2019 meeting and agreed to set up a working group to consider the taxi tariffs across Wiltshire. The Committee signalled that they would now take ownership of the matter.

On 3 June 2019 Licensing Committee received an update on the working group's activity, which can be viewed here:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s162340/Minutes%20pack%202.5.19.pdf>

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Environment Select Committee Forward Work Programme

Last updated 10 JUNE 2019

Task Group	Start Date	Final Report Expected
Homelessness Strategy Task Group	December 2018	September 2019
Climate Change Task Group	June 2019	TBC

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / Purpose of Report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
18 Jun 2019	'Western Gateway' sub-national transport body	A written Chairman's Announcement with an update on the transport schemes that have been applied for, following a presentation to the Committee (& extended to the wider Council membership) on the matter on 18 July 2018	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Allan Creedy
18 Jun 2019	Killed and Seriously Injured: Motorbike & Cyclist Data	As resolved at 23 April 2019 meeting, the Committee to receive data collected by Wiltshire Police on motorbike and cyclist KSI incidences in the county	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Allan Creedy
18 Jun 2019	Public Transport Review Update	As resolved at 23 April 2019 meeting, the Head of Passenger Transport to provide a statement updating on the progress of the Judicial Review	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Jason Salter
18 Jun 2019	Rapid Scrutiny: Plastic Waste in Wiltshire's Roads - Final Report	For the Committee to receive the final report of the rapid scrutiny exercise.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Marie Gondlach
18 Jun 2019	Dog Excrement	As agreed at 8 January 2019 ESC, the Committee to receive a briefing on the impact that dog fouling in the countryside has on livestock.	Parvis Khansari	Cllr Bridget Wayman	Natalie Heritage

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
3 Sep 2019	Waste Management Strategy	As resolved at 26 June 2018 meeting, a 6-month progress report on the Waste Management Strategy to be provided to the committee.	Tracy Carter	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	
3 Sep 2019	Provision for Gypsy and Travellers	As agreed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman following 12 March 2019 meeting, the Committee to consider a draft/information to be used for the Cabinet report listed on the Cabinet Forward Work Programme	Flo Churchill (Interim Director - Economic Development and Planning)	Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property	Georgina Clampitt-Dix
3 Sep 2019	Rapid Scrutiny: Plastic Waste in Wiltshire's Roads - Executive Response	For the Committee to receive the Executive response to the Rapid Scrutiny's final report.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Marie Gondlach
3 Sep 2019	Highways Annual Review of Service	As resolved at 6 November 2018 meeting, the Committee to continue to receive an annual update on the review of the highway service.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Peter Binley

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3 Sep 2019	HIAMS: Streetworks	As resolved at 12 March 2019 meeting, the Committee requested a report on the next stage of the HIAMS implementation, with regard to highways inspections and the benefits of the HIAMS mobile working capability later in 2019	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Paul Bromley
3 Sep 2019	Salisbury Recovery	As resolved at 8 January 2019 ESC following a presentation on the matter, the Committee to receive a further presentation on the progress of work in six months' time	Robin Townsend	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and South Wiltshire Recovery	Kartar Singh
3 Sep 2019	Homelessness Strategy Task Group: Final Report	For the Committee to receive the final report of the Task Group, following the completion of their work	Simon Hendeby (Director - Housing and Commercial)	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Natalie Heritage
3 Sep 2019	Housing Aids and Adaptations	As agreed with the Cabinet Member and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Committee to consider information on the Council's policies around adapting housing stock for disabled tenants	Simon Hendeby (Director - Housing and Commercial)	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Natalie Heritage

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
5 Nov 2019	Response to the Late-Night Taxi Fares Task Group's Final Report	For the Committee to receive the formal response in relation to the Late-Night Taxi Fares Task Group's final report. As resolved at 8 January 2019 ESC, the final report to be received by Licensing Committee, prior to ESC considering the formal response.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection	Henry Powell
5 Nov 2019	Executive Response to the Homelessness Strategy Task Group: Final Report	For the Committee to receive the Executive's response to the Homelessness Strategy Task Group's final report	Simon Hendey (Director - Housing and Commercial)	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Natalie Heritage

