

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

2 September 2014

Report of the Highways and Streetscene Contract (BBLP) Task Group

Purpose of report

- 1 To present the report of the Highways and Streetscene Contract (BBLP) Task Group and seek endorsement for the recommendations.

Background

- 2 The O & S Management Committee passed the responsibility for reviewing the Highways and Streetscene Contract to the Environment Select Committee in November 2013. Since that time, the Rapid Scrutiny Group has met on two occasions, when it reviewed various aspects of the performance of the contract. The newly formed Task Group (which included the members of the original Rapid Scrutiny Group) was asked to review the performance of the contract after its first full year of operation.

Main considerations

- 3 The contract had performed well in a number of areas, particularly with regard to the winter flooding. There were areas of concern, particularly over grass cutting, where it was believed that the Council had suffered some reputational damage. However, a comprehensive action plan had been put in place to address the issues identified.
- 4 The Committee is asked to consider the attached report of the Highways and Streetscene Contract Task Group and endorse its recommendations.

Proposal

- 5 To endorse the recommendations in paragraphs 31 to 35 and refer the report to the relevant Cabinet members for response.
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