

Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 11 December 2015

Electoral Division affected: All

Sub-committee of the Scrutiny Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Task Group

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Executive Summary

At the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held 11 July 2014 the Committee resolved to: note the County Council's TAMP 2015-2030 and establish a Task Group to monitor the implementation of the TAMP. The Scrutiny TAMP Task Group met recently and County Councillor John Fillis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, suggested that the Task Group could expand in terms of membership from its current format. The Task Group agreed to the expansion of the membership.

Recommendation

Approval is granted to expand the Scrutiny TAMP Task Group.

Background and Advice

Recent changes to Government and Department for Transport (DfT) funding has incentivised highway authorities to adopt the principles of asset management to maximise their funding opportunities. With the introduction of the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP), Lancashire County Council has introduced the principles of asset management to manage its highway assets. At the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held 11 July 2014 the Committee resolved to: note the County Council's TAMP 2015-2030 and establish a Task Group to monitor the implementation of the TAMP. The Scrutiny TAMP Task Group met recently and County Councillor John Fillis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, suggested that the Task Group could expand in terms of membership from its current format. The Task Group agreed to the expansion of the membership. To expand the Task Group membership it was agreed to write to the Leaders of the 12 districts and invite them to nominate an Elected Member to represent their district and attend future meetings of the Task Group.

The benefits derived from the formation of the sub-committee will demonstrate the commitment of the authority to communicate its strategy for maintaining the highway

and its assets in line with the principles of asset management identified in the TAMP strategy. The commitment from all elected councillors is vital in maintaining the highways in order to implement the principles of asset management and secure maximum funding from Department for Transport.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Failure to implement this proposal may result in miscommunication of the strategy of the TAMP and the principles of asset management which the authority has adopted. The lack of commitment by elected members to the TAMP strategy may result in the principles of asset management being adopted across the county.

Financial

N/A

Legal

N/A