

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 18 October 2018**

### **Report of the Internal Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 20 July, 21 August (special meeting) and 21 September 2018**

**Chair: County Councillor David O'Toole**

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#### **20 July 2018**

##### **Winter Service Plan Update**

The report provided an update to the Committee on the 2017/18 winter season as well as proposed updates to the Highways Winter Service Plan for the forthcoming season.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The content of the report presented be noted.
- ii. The task and finish group relating to grit bin assessment and provision is currently in progress and will report back to the service be noted.
- iii. The treatment intervention level proposal be reviewed by the Grit Bin task and finish group.
- iv. Legal advice be sought on the gritter tracking system and twitter feed.

##### **Progress Report on Potholes**

The Committee was updated on progress with rectifying potholes, the impact of additional funding and new equipment. The update also covered response times, repeat visits, the HAMS (Highways Asset Management System) project and the 'Report It' website.

**Resolved:** The update report be noted.

##### **Budget Scrutiny Review Panel**

The report set out a proposal to establish a Budget Scrutiny Review Panel to further enhance the scrutiny of budget proposals under consideration by Cabinet.

**Resolved:** The Internal Scrutiny Committee approve the establishment of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel.

## **Local Authority Funding and Income Generation Task Group – Initial Response**

The Committee was advised that the report from the task group had been received and each recommendation had been reviewed and assigned to an appropriate senior officer at the council. A feasibility study would be carried out on each of the recommendations to identify the nature and scale of the opportunity to generate income, as well as the scale of any investment that might be needed and the timeframe required for implementation. The outcomes would be reported back to the task group. Where recommendations were not considered viable opportunities for income generation, details would be provided as to the reasons why this conclusion had been reached.

**Resolved:** The verbal update provided be noted.

### **21 August 2018 (Special meeting)**

#### **Call In Request – Update on Preston Youth Zone Operator**

On 9 August 2018, Cabinet received and approved recommendations contained in the update report on Preston Youth Zone Operator. Following requests from nine County Councillors in accordance with the “Call In” procedures, the Chair of the Internal Scrutiny Committee had called a meeting to consider calling in the decision.

**Resolved:** The Cabinet decision on 9 August 2018 in relation to the update on the Preston Youth Zone Operator should not be called in.

### **21 September 2018**

#### **Lancashire Parking Services**

The report provided an overview of Lancashire parking services provision of school and village enforcement, the centralisation of permit administration and the differences of on and off street enforcement.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report presented be noted.
- ii. Information on the pilot scheme and any new parking schemes be circulated to members when available.
- iii. The Lancashire parking services report and presentation be circulated to all county councillors.

#### **Report of the Grit Bins and Non-Priority Routes Task and Finish Group**

The final report of the Grit Bins and Non-Priority Task and Finish Group was presented.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The recommendations of the task and finish group be supported.

- ii. An additional recommendation on engaging external contractors for treating secondary routes be added to the report.
- iii. Responses from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport be presented to the Internal Scrutiny Committee at an appropriate scheduled meeting.

### **Task and Finish Group Request – Education Scrutiny Committee**

The report set out a request from the Education Scrutiny Committee for a task and finish group to be established on schools causing concern – support arrangements.

**Resolved:** That the request to establish a task and finish group on schools causing concern – support arrangements be approved.

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Chair