**Overview and Scrutiny**

**Review Scoping Document**

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| **Review Title:** | Public Realm Agreements |
| **Reasons for Review:** | At the meeting held on 21 January 2022, the Internal Scrutiny Committee considered a report on Public Realm Agreements and agreed that a Task Group would be an effective way of facilitating further scrutiny. The following areas were highlighted for possible consideration:* Relationships with other authorities
* Balancing environmental and financial issues
* Communication with the public
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| **Links with** (complete appropriate option)**:** |
| **Operational Plan****Risk and Opportunity Register****Civil Contingencies Register** | N/A |
| N/A |
| N/A |
| **Membership and Political Composition:** | 7 County Councillors consisting of:* 4 Conservative
* 2 Labour
* 1 Lib Dem/Green
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| **Task Group Chair:** | County Councillor John Shedwick |
| **Initial Objectives:** | To identify ways of improving communication and information about Public Realm Agreements between the county council, district councils, and residents. |
| **Key lines of enquiry:** | To consider:* The last financial review of Public Realm Agreements undertaken by the county council (2017/18) and whether more can be done to keep the agreements up to date.
* Whether the district councils are well informed about how to request amendments to the agreements and funding.
* How updates to the agreements with district councils are documented.
* Environmental considerations, and how they can be better communicated.
* The public's perception of the Public Realm and information available on Public Realm Agreements.
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| **Call for Written Evidence:** | * Information on the last financial review of Public Realm Agreements (2017/18).
* Information about the process to document and/or amend Public Realm Agreements.
* Information already available to the public about Public Realm Agreements, the responsibilities of different authorities, and environmental considerations.
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| **Additional suggestions from members:** |  |
| **Key documents and systems to consider:** | * Existing Public Realm Agreements with each district council.
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| **Other reference material:** | On the Public Realm generally:* [Streets for All: Advice for Highway and Public Realm Works in Historic Places](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/streets-for-all/) (Historic England, 2018)
* [Streetscape and Public Realm](https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/economic-growth/revitalising-town-centres-toolkit-councils/function/streetscape-and-public) (Local Government Association)
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| **Other considerations:** |
| **Related activity in the council?** | N/A |
| **Any consultations taking place?** | N/A |
| **Key Contacts and Presenters:**e.g. Council OfficersCabinet MembersCouncil PartnersOther OrganisationsService UsersPrivate/Voluntary/Independent Sector | * Phil Durnell, Director of Highways
* John Davies, Head of Service Highways
* Ridwan Musa, Highways Service Manager (Operations)
* County Councillor Charlie Edwards, Cabinet Members for Highways and Transport
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| **Site Visits:**Internal/External**Work Shadowing:** | N/AN/A |
| **Publicity**Who are the interested parties? How could the review be published? | * District Councils
* Lancashire's residents
* The outcomes of the review will be presented to the Internal Scrutiny Committee and published as part of the relevant meeting agenda.
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| **Initial Timescales for Completion and Deadlines:** | * First meeting: April 2022
* Review to be completed by: June 2022
* Report presented to committee in September 2022
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| **Lead Officers:** | * Hannah Race, Senior Democratic Services Officer
* Sam Parker, Senior Democratic Services Officer
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