

**Overview and Scrutiny
Review Scoping Document**

Review Title:	Public Realm Agreements
Reasons for Review:	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships with other authorities • Balancing environmental and financial issues • Communication with the public
Links with (complete appropriate option):	
Operational Plan	N/A
Risk and Opportunity Register	N/A
Civil Contingencies Register	N/A
Membership and Political Composition:	<p>7 County Councillors consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Conservative • 2 Labour • 1 Lib Dem/Green
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:	<p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental considerations, and how they can be better communicated. • The public's perception of the Public Realm and information available on Public Realm Agreements.
Call for Written Evidence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Additional suggestions from members:	
Key documents and systems to consider:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Public Realm Agreements with each district council.
Other reference material:	<p>On the Public Realm generally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets for All: Advice for Highway and Public Realm Works in Historic Places (Historic England, 2018) • Streetscape and Public Realm (Local Government Association)
Other considerations:	
Related activity in the council?	N/A
Any consultations taking place?	N/A
Key Contacts and Presenters: e.g. Council Officers Cabinet Members Council Partners Other Organisations Service Users Private/Voluntary/Independent Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Site Visits: Internal/External	N/A
Work Shadowing:	N/A

Publicity Who are the interested parties? How could the review be published?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Initial Timescales for Completion and Deadlines:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First meeting: April 2022• Review to be completed by: June 2022• Report presented to committee in September 2022
Lead Officers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hannah Race, Senior Democratic Services Officer• Sam Parker, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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