
SCRUTINY PANEL A
INQUIRY INTO THE HIGHWAYS APPROACH TO ASSET MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 July 2010

Present: Kolker (Vice-Chair), Mrs Damani, Morrell, Turner and Fitzgerald

Apologies: Councillor Jane Odgers and Councillor Amy Willacy

7. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Fitzgerald be appointed Chair of the Panel for the remainder of the 2010/11 municipal year.

8. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Odgers and Willacy.

The Panel noted that in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rule 4.3 Councillor Fitzgerald replaced Councillor Ball as Chair of Scrutiny Panel A.

9. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

10. **HIGHWAYS APPROACH TO ASSET MANAGEMENT : AGREEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement requesting that the Panel discuss, amend and approve a final version of the draft recommendations which were tabled at the meeting, for inclusion in the final report to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that, subject to the following amendments, the draft report and recommendations tabled at the meeting be agreed as the final version:-

(a) recommendation 1 to be amended to read “**The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, in conjunction with the Chair of Scrutiny Panel A and with cross-party support**, to write to the Secretary of State, to highlight the inadequate funding available for maintaining the **Western**

Approach infrastructure asking them to propose a way forward. Should additional funding not be available, their view should be sought on taking the road into Government control.”;

- (b) **recommendation 5** to be amended to read “The Highways Partnership Unit and Balfour Beatty work closely together to continue to develop mechanisms that ensure that ward members are consulted and kept informed of **all major schemes across the City and those in their wards;**”
 - (c) **recommendation 8** to be removed, but a paragraph in support of the recommendations relating to transport issues in the Night Time Economy Inquiry be added to the Introduction/Executive Summary;
 - (d) **overview** – Paragraph 3 be amended to emphasise the lack of funding and to be added to the Executive Summary; and
 - (e) reference to London Road having won a national design award as an example of best practice be added to the report.
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Head of Policy and Improvement, following consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Panel A, to amend the final report to enable comments made by Scrutiny Panel members at the meeting to be incorporated;
 - (iii) that a final copy of the amended report and recommendations be circulated electronically to all Panel Members; and
 - (iv) that it be agreed that the Chair of Scrutiny Panel A or his delegated nominee would present the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at the 19th August 2010 meeting.