

## Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

### Review Title: Highway Network Management

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<b>1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</b>	
Council Plan 2007-10: Ensure our residents are safe (Number 17) Provide a sustainable and effective transport framework to support economic regeneration (Number 22). Improve operational efficiency (Number 36).	
<b>2. What are the main issues?</b>	
i) Current assessment criteria determining repairs and maintenance to footpaths and highways; ii) Public experience and perceptions of the condition of footpaths and highways and the criteria for their repair; iii) Liaison between Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and utilities companies in relation to highway and footpath management; iv) Information provided to residents concerning repairs and maintenance to footpaths and highways and works undertaken by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and utilities companies;	
<b>3. The Thematic Select Committee's overall aim/ objectives in doing this work is:</b>	
To seek to establish smarter working practices and greater public awareness and understanding of highway and footpath management.	
<b>4. The possible outputs/outcomes are:</b>	
Greater public awareness and understanding of highway and footpath management; Smarter working practices; Improved parking; Improved routes for residents.	
<b>5. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic?</b>	
Detailed consideration of the issues. Contributes to the development of services provided and coordinated by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.	
<b>6. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work?</b>	
Cabinet, residents of Stockton Borough.	

<b>7. Duration of enquiry?</b>	
<b>8. What category does the review fall into?</b>	
<b>Policy Review</b> ✓	<b>Policy Development</b> ✓
<b>External Partnership</b>	<b>Performance Management</b> ✓
<b>Holding Executive to Account</b>	
<b>9. Extra Resources needed? Would the investigation benefit from the co-option of an “expert” witness?</b>	
<b>10. What information do we need?</b>	
<b>Secondary Information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)</b>	<b>Primary/new evidence/information</b>
Highways Act (1980)	
New Roads and Street Works Act (1991)	
Traffic Management Act (2004)	
Department for Transport (2005) Well-Maintained Highways: Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management.	
Department for Transport (2006) National Road Maintenance Condition Survey: 2006.	
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Highway Network Management Plan.	
<b>Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</b>	<b>What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?</b>

**11. What processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.)**

Councillor Survey (including Parish Councillors);  
MORI data (2006);  
Best Value Performance Indicators;  
Condition Surveys;  
Information through 'Find and Fix' and other forms to inform the Council of problems on footpaths / highways.  
Insurance claim statistics.

**12. In what ways can we involve the public and at what stages? (consider whole range of consultative mechanisms, local committees and local ward mechanisms)**

Possible Viewpoint Focus Groups / Questionnaires.

**13. Diversity – How will we address the six strands of diversity (age, disability, faith and belief, gender, race, and sexual orientation) in order to uphold the Council's Single Equality Scheme?**

Consideration of diversity issues including possible meetings of the Disability Advisory Group.

## Project Plan

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KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>Scoping of Review</b>	Information gathering	April 2008	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	23 April 2008	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Agree Project Plan</b>	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	28 April 2008	Select Committee
<b>Publicity of Review</b>	Press Briefing at start of review		Chair, Link Officer, Press Officer

			Scrutiny Officer
<b>Obtaining Evidence</b>		Arranged Committee Dates: 19 May 2008 30 June 2008 July 2008 11 August 2008 22 September 2008 October 2008	Select Committee
<b>Members decide recommendations and findings</b>	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations		Select Committee
<b>Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders</b>	Circulation of Report		Scrutiny Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss finding of review and draft recommendations		Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Final Agreement of Report</b>	Approval of final report by Committee	Possible Dates: 11 August 2008 22 September 2008 October 2008	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Corporate Director
<b>Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee</b>	Consideration of report	Possible Dates: 2 September 2008 28 October 2008	Executive Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report to Cabinet/Approving Body</b>	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	Possible Dates:	Cabinet/ Approving Body

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