Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Review of Highway Network Management

Chair's Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – August 2008

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee has looked at a recent marketing strategy for highways and will be using all of this data for comparison with the results of the MORI poll, set to be released in November.

The Committee plans initially to take further evidence from SBC officers on financial considerations and from representatives of the utilities companies operating in the Borough at a coordination meeting of the North East Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee.

The Committee has sent out a questionnaire to all Members regarding highway network management to further inform the review. A copy of the questionnaire was also sent out to Parish and Town Councils, and the Parish Meeting. Results of the consultation are due to be reported in September.

Timescale for review

The review was initially scheduled to report to Cabinet in November. However, the Committee is looking to report to Cabinet in January 2009, to allow for the review to take into account information and findings regarding highways from this year's MORI poll.

Monitoring

The Committee is set to receive a progress update on the Street Lighting review.