

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 March 2012

EIT Programme

EIT Task and Finish Review of Highways

The baseline information for this review was reported to the Committee on 14 November. An update report was reported to Committee on 13 February.

The Committee discussed a range of issues including:

- the level of money set allocated for related insurance purposes;
- progress on the adoption of roads constructed as part of private housing schemes;
- improvements to the tendering process that has improved management of the costs of structural maintenance despite the rise in oil prices.

The Committee met on 19 March in order to consider the final options report for the review. The review proposes reductions to a number of budget areas.

The review is scheduled to report to Cabinet on 19 April.

Other work

The Committee received the scrutiny development training session at the meeting of 13 February.

Regeneration of Local Shopping Parades

This was a topic suggestion made by Regeneration and Transport Select Committee during the scrutiny work programme setting process. The topic was not selected for in-depth review, however Executive Scrutiny has requested a report that would set out the extent of the issues, in order to identify what further review work may be necessary.

In order to assist with this, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Regeneration and Transport Select Committee met with the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in order to discuss information requirements.

The Regeneration Service will undertake work to produce baseline information on local shopping parades and produce an audit on the extent of the issue. This will be used to inform a report that is scheduled to report to Executive Scrutiny Committee in July.