

Report Title:	Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Annual Report 2020/21
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Member reporting:	Councillor Luxton, Chairman of the Panel
Lead Officers:	Duncan Sharkey, Managing Director Andrew Durrant, Director of Place Simon Dale, Interim Head of Highways Tracy Hendren, Head of Housing and Environmental Health Service Chris Joyce, Head of Infrastructure, Sustainability & Economic Growth Adrien Waite, Head of Planning
Meeting and Date:	Full Council June 2021

REPORT SUMMARY

Part 9A B4 of the council constitution requires an Overview and Scrutiny Panel to report annually to full Council on *'its workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate'*.

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

RECOMMENDATION: That full Council notes the annual report of the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Panel

2. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 During the Municipal year 2020/2021, the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered several issues which impact the residents of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. Some of which and still on a continued work programme and will be monitored by the panel to oversee progress.
- 2.2 Executive Members, officers of the Council, Cabinet Members and Councillors were invited to attend the meetings to provide evidence, answer questions, address issues raised and prioritise decisions taken by the Panel.
- 2.3 The Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Panel also considered a number of reports, decisions, as well as call-ins relating to Executive Cabinet decisions, listed below.

3. TOPICS SCRUTINISED DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

- 3.1 **CIL Review - Progress Update Report**
- 3.2 **Homelessness Strategy**

Following Panel Members suggestions, the Equality Impact Assessment was reviewed, the Strategy was to mention Ascot, and a future update report was expected in a future meeting.

3.3 Work Programme

43 topics were proposed and discussed, with items programmed for future meetings or directed to the appropriate Panels and Forums.

3.4 Annual Complaints Report

The Panel were informed of the complaints and compliments and noted the item.

3.5 Place Recovery Strategy

The report was brought to the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Panel, before going to Cabinet. The Panel noted the item.

3.6 5G T&FG Scoping Document

The Panel noted the item and Chris Joyce agreed to provide the Panel with a timeline and strategy for digital infrastructure in a future meeting.

3.7 Singular Use Plastics Update

The item came on the agenda from the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel. The Panel noted the item.

3.8 Fly Tipping Review

3.9 VolkerHighways Ltd. Annual Review

3.10 Highways Investment Report

3.11 Capital Programme Update

3.12 River Thames Scheme Partnership Funding

3.13 Safety of Highway Trees

3.14 Active Travel Measures

An urgent item that was brought to the Panel.

3.15 Budget 2021/22 Report

3.16 Infrastructure Delivery Plan

3.17 Capital Programme Processes

3.18 Housing Strategy

3.19 Q1, Q2 and Q3 Performance Reports

3.20 Call In - Interim Sustainability Position Statement

It was agreed to take no further action on the call in on the Interim Sustainability Position Statement.

4. CALL-INS CONSIDERED DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

4.1 Interim Sustainability Position Statement

It was agreed to take no further action on the call in on the Interim Sustainability Position Statement.

5. RESIDENT SUGGESTIONS CONSIDERED DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

5.1 No resident suggestions were received.

6. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS ESTABLISHED DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

6.1 No Task and Finish Groups were undertaken.

7. PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED WORKING METHODS

7.1 Clear objectives and Work Programme.

7.2 Increased officer resource to ensure the Panel has the right level of support.

7.3 Improvements on how the Panel plans and organises its Work Programme items and give Members more time for questions, discussions, and debate.

7.4 Receive officer reports with greater notice so Panel Members can review in advance of the meeting.

7.5 Review the Annual Scrutiny Report item during the municipal year.

7.6 Reduced changes to the Chairmanship of the Panel.

7.7 Greater scrutiny of reports and policies and provision of recommendations to Cabinet by the Panel.

8. THANKS

8.1 The Panel would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their involvement in the scrutiny process this year:

- All officers for providing their support and reports.
- Cabinet Members for their attendance and contribution.

- All current and previous Panel Members of the municipal year.
- Democratic Services officers for organising meetings.
- Members of public for their contribution.
- VolkerHighways Ltd for their contribution to the VolkerHighways Ltd. Annual Review item.

9. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

9.1 The Panel proposes to consider the following topic areas for scrutiny in the coming municipal year:

Topics already in progress/carried over from 2020/21:

- Homelessness Strategy and Homelessness Forum Update
- Street Lighting Review
- Bus Routes
- Junction Improvements
- Maidenhead Town Centre CIL
- New Schools Infrastructure Plans
- Ascot Redevelopment
- Public Transport Requirements
- Carbon-free Power Infrastructure
- Air Quality and Traffic Monitoring
- Annual Monitoring Report

New topics:

- Pedestrian road safety (all pedestrians, children, school safety etc.)
- Affordable Housing
- 21 mph speed limit across the Borough
- 5G Discussion

10. APPENDICES

10.1 This report is supported by 1 appendix:

- Appendix A - Work Programme

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type: For information	Urgency item? No	To Follow item? No
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