

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW - ATTAINING BEST PRACTICE AND VALUE FOR THE COUNCIL'S HIGHWAYS RESURFACING PROGRAMME

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| Committee name | Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee |
| Officer reporting | Steve Clarke, Democratic Services Officer |
| Papers with report | None |
| Ward | All |

HEADLINES

This item will act as the second witness session of the Select Committee's review into attaining best practice and best value through the Council's Highways Resurfacing activities. The Committee have previously received a report summarising Hillingdon's Highway network, maintenance procedures and the Council's highways safety inspection procedures; this witness session will seek to broaden the Committee's understanding of the Council's approach to highways resurfacing.

The aim of the review is to take a broad assessment of existing procedures, new technologies, methods, materials and scheduling possibilities to obtain best value and service for residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Select Committee use the second witness session of the review to broaden understanding of the Council's practical and strategic approach to highways resurfacing.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the information gathering session on 11 January 2023:

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| Councillor Jonathan Bianco | Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport | The relevant Cabinet Member responsible for the oversight of the Council's highways maintenance responsibilities. |
| <p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there were any aspects of highways and footways resurfacing that the Cabinet Member would wish to see the Committee review into further detail. - The Cabinet Member's thoughts on the future strategic direction of highways maintenance within Hillingdon. | | |

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| Christopher O'Hara | Director of O'Hara Bros. Surfacing Ltd | Christopher O'Hara is the Director of O'Hara Bros. Surfacing Ltd, the Council's contractor for specialist highway maintenance solutions. |
| <p>O'Hara Bros. Surfacing Ltd is a privately owned company established in 1975. They provide specialist highway maintenance solutions to Local Authorities, the Construction industry and the private sector. They undertake all types of work for Local Authorities, Highways agencies, other surfacing companies, construction companies and developers carrying out surfacing of new roads, patching, foot path reconstructions and all other associated civil engineering works.</p> <p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaining a better understanding of what working with the Council is like from a contractor perspective. - Enquiring as to the specific types of work undertaken on behalf of the Council. - If there were any suggestions, from a contractor perspective, they may have as to how the working relationship between the Council and the contractor could be improved or made more efficient. | | |

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| Poonam Pathak | LBH Head of Highways | A key officer in the implementation and strategic development of the Council's Highways maintenance programme. |
| <p>Having previously attended a witness session for the Select Committee's review into highways resurfacing, Poonam will be present in a supporting capacity to offer additional information, should it be required.</p> | | |

Implications on related Council policies

A key role of Select Committees is to monitor the performance of Council services within their remit. Select Committees may also make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

The vision for the Councils highway assets sits within some of the Councils core commitments to residents contained within the Council Strategy 2022 - 2026 (A Green and Sustainable Borough, a Thriving Economy, and Thriving, Healthy Households), which is achieved by providing highway assets which are in good condition, fit for purpose, energy efficient, provide accessible services to residents, represent value for money through long term planning, and enhanced allocation of resources. Moreover, the Council endeavours to provide improved service and quality of life to users with high customer satisfaction.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

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Legal Implications

None.

APPENDICES

NIL.