

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW: ATTAINING BEST PRACTICE AND VALUE FOR THE COUNCIL'S HIGHWAYS RESURFACING ACTIVITIES

Committee name	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Officer reporting	Steve Clarke, Democratic Services
Papers with report	Highways Resurfacing Review - Draft Final Report
Ward	N/A

HEADLINES

The Select Committee has been undertaking a major review into attaining best practice and value for the Council's highways resurfacing activities. Following agreement of the review's recommendations at the Committee's meeting on 06 June 2023, a draft final report has been prepared for the Committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee:

- 1) Agrees the draft final report and recommendations in principle and endorses its submission to Cabinet for due consideration; and**
- 2) Delegates any drafting changes required prior to the report's submission to Cabinet to the Democratic Services Officer and the Chairman, in consultation with the Labour Lead.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The review's Terms of Reference, agreed at the outset of the review, are set out below:

1. To understand the Council's current position and procedures with regard to highways reconstruction and resurfacing;
2. To explore the national legislative setting and initiatives undertaken by other London Boroughs and local authorities in relation to highways resurfacing;
3. To explore recent developments in resurfacing technologies, methods and materials;
4. To assess options for adopting new scheduling possibilities in an effort to improve the efficiency of the Council's resurfacing programme;

5. To influence any emerging Council plans with respect to footways and roadways management in terms of meeting carbon reduction targets;
6. Subject to the Committee's findings, to make any conclusions, propose actions, service and policy recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet.

Review update

At the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee meeting on 20 September 2022, it was agreed that the Committee's first major review would focus on highways resurfacing. Further to this agreement, Members conducted a detailed review of the chosen topic.

The information gathered has now been set out within the attached draft final report, alongside the recommendations that were discussed at the meeting on 06 June 2023. It is requested that the Committee consider the draft final report for endorsement to Cabinet.

Should any drafting changes to the report be suggested by the Committee at the meeting or otherwise prior to submission to Cabinet, the Committee is requested to delegate authority for this to the Democratic Services Officer and the Chairman, in consultation with the Labour Lead.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

None at this stage, pending any findings approved by Cabinet.

Financial Implications

The Committee's review recommendations are not expected to lead to any significant financial implications and are primarily aimed at supporting and developing the Council's highways resurfacing activities. However, a full financial review of the recommendations will be undertaken as part of the standard reporting process to Cabinet.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Review Scoping Report – 'Obtaining Best Practice and Value for the Council's Highways Resurfacing Programme'

Previous Committee papers on the review published on the Council's website.