

Suggested Agenda for LHP Meeting with Norman Hume

At the last EFDC Local Highways Panel there was lots of discussion over the future of the LHP. With all the changes at Essex and the pressures on budgets there was concern as to if the LHP had a meaningful future in its existing format. It was agreed that a subgroup would meet to discuss options and as part of that it became very clear that we need to understand the structure of ECC Highways and the strategic direction and constraints that now exist because of the financial situation that now exists.

As such the Subgroup, which consists of the Chairman, Vice-Chair of the LHP and another committee member, ask to formally meet with the Portfolio Holder Councillor Hume and perhaps officer Paul Bird plus any other person you feel would be suitable to discuss and document the following.

1. The new ECC Highways Structure and goals
2. ECC Personnel and responsibilities
3. Budgets and Funding of Highways
4. Concept and role of a LHP in the new structure
 - a. Subgroups to match ECC Structure
 - b. Priority setting avoiding contention on projects
 - c. Influence on budget spend
 - d. Safety issues (issues brought to LHP from public)
 - e. Value for Money/Scrutiny
5. Communication
 - a. Failure of Call centre methodology (No reply to messages)
 - b. Escalations
6. Highways Rangers
7. Maintenance
 - a. Priorities
 - b. Joint Funding
 - c. Pothole Funding
8. New On-Street Parking Partnership relationship with Highways and Enforcement
9. Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 agreements
10. Community Infrastructure Funding Projects (CIF) funding in FY11

Once we have this information we can review with the LHP members how we should change the structure and role of the panel to meet the new challenges