

## **Presentation of Data to Essex County Council / Epping Forest District Council Local Highways Panel**

The current procedure is repetitive and lacks clarity. It also leads the meetings into going over the same issues notably failures to get approved programmes completed on the ground.

This needs to be addressed so that meetings are not seen predominantly as a waste of time. I would therefore like data presented in the following ways:

### **(1) Completed schemes**

Scheme location, brief description of scheme, completion cost, no longer recorded one year after completion. For noting only.

### **(2) Approved Schemes**

Approval dates by LHP and Portfolio Holder: target completion date; cost. To be discussed only if explanation of lateness in completion or changing costs are required. If scheme is likely to be delayed by more than 3 months beyond its target date then the officer responsible must be present at the first available meeting to explain the delay and to provide a solution which speeds up delivery. A new delivery date must be provided.

### **(3) Future Schemes and Budget availability**

This should be the major function of the LHP Meetings ie the decision making on new schemes emanating from members or other local bodies (preferably via the local committee members).

Schemes should have been put forward via LHP officers so that when they come to the LHP Meeting they have been initially examined and priced.

It is likely that members will still turn up on the night with other schemes and these will simply be recorded taken away for examination and costing before returning in order that a decision can be taken at the LHP Meeting.

Given the now planned meetings between ward members and officers . The full LHP Meetings will only need to concentrate on New Proposals and failures to meet target dates. Then we might have a chance to drive projects forward and get some openness and accountability into the delivery of projects.

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