

ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4TH OCTOBER 2021

REFERRAL FROM THE COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PROVISION OF PAVEMENTS IN RURAL AREAS

To consider and comment on the following issues:

To consider a referral from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in relation to the provision of pavements in rural areas.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: No

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. H.A.L. Evans (Environment)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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At its meeting held on the 1st July 2021 the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee considered extracts from the Council's Draft Annual Report for 2020/21 relevant to its remit.

During that consideration, reference was made to the increase in walking and cycling during the pandemic and to the lack of pavements on public highways in many rural areas to facilitate safe walking, with there being over 300 applications for pavements currently outstanding. A view was expressed that the Authority should examine this position, possibly via a Task and Finish Group. It was noted that this did not fall within the Committees remit and it was agreed to refer the matter to the Environment and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee.

In addition, the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on the 21st July, 2021 also as part of the discussion on the Council's Draft Annual Report for 2020/21.

The Committee expressed concern over the backlog of requests for the provision of pavements, in rural areas particularly, which impacted on the ability of people to keep fit and 'Age Well' within the context of the Annual Report and also in regard to safe walking routes to schools. It was noted that this did not fall within this Committee's remit and it was suggested the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee be asked to consider the issue of pavement provision, as such these comments are also drawn to the attention of the Environment and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AWARE/CONSULTED

YES
Councillor Hazel Evans
Cabinet Member for Environment

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE