

ECONOMY TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP:

ROAD SAFETY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group

The Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee, and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.

The Task and Finish Group's purpose is to provide recommendations regarding the future priorities for Road Safety activity.

2. Scope of the Task and Finish Group

In 2016 the Select Committee pre-scrutinised proposals to revise the traffic management policy to focus on schemes responding to safety led issues. Data suggested there had been a slight increase in serious and fatal accidents between 2003 and 2014, and the revised policy would prioritise activity to address accidents.

As a result of scrutiny of this topic during 2016 the Select Committee resolved to initiate a Task & Finish Group on Road Safety, to review the approach to casualty reduction (safety engineering) and casualty prevention (road safety education) to form an early view on future service priorities.

At the June 2017 meeting when the work programme was reviewed for the new administration, the Committee resolved to continue with this planned working group.

The Task and Finish Group will therefore consider:

- Casualty figures/recent trends
- Data for Hampshire compared to similar authorities and nationally
- Casualty Prevention (road safety education)
- Road Safety Engineering
- Accident data compared to perceived dangerous locations
- Causes of accidents and how these issues can be addressed
- Role of Road Safety Councils
- Evidence of good practice interventions that are effective
- Safer Roads Fund

This will be considered in the context of the County Council's budget, and the requirement to make further savings in order to balance the budget in 2019.

3. Method

The task and finish group will meet to consider their scope and identify the evidence they wish to consider. Evidence will be requested from officers in the

Economy Transport & Environment Department to support the Group in investigating the issues within their scope. Evidence from other authorities/national good practice will be sought if requested.

Exclusions:

This group will only consider the roads Hampshire County Council is responsible for (therefore excludes Motorway and trunk roads).

4. Membership

The working group shall be a cross party proportional group of up to six Members, drawn from the Economy Transport & Environment Select Committee.

5. Meetings

The task and finish Group shall hold an initial meeting in Autumn 2017. After this, it shall meet as often as required to complete its work. It is anticipated the work of the group shall conclude in time for recommendations to be presented to the decision maker in 2018.

6. Code of Conduct

Elected Members of the Working Group shall comply with the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct applicable to Members.

7. Reporting

The task and finish Group will make a final report to the full Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee, for the Select Committee to approve any proposed recommendations. The report and recommendations will then be provided to the Executive Member for Environment & Transport.

The Working Group will cease to exist once its purpose has been fulfilled.