

COUNCIL, 8 JUNE 2016

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 9 March 2016 a report was presented which reminded Members that the Highway Advisory Committee (HAC) currently reviewed the vast majority of traffic management proposals which often resulted in those proposals being considered multiple times by that Committee. It was therefore proposed to streamline the involvement of the HAC in minor traffic management changes whilst maintaining targeted and local representation of all traffic management proposals.

Members discussed the application of the proposals and asked for clarification about how the process – if the changes were agreed – would work in practice. One member asked why there was no mention of bus stop accessibility and officers agreed that this could be included within the proposed changes. There was discussion about the involvement of Ward councillors in the “call-in” procedure and about whether non-Ward councillors could also exercise “call-in” and if so, at what stage of the process. There were observations made that the process would benefit from having a clear guide about what constituted “minor” road-works in order to assist councillors to decide what course of action (if any) to adopt.

Officers reassured Members that these concerns could – and would - be addressed and also agreed to incorporate a flowchart designed to provide a simple, schematic representation of the process which could be referred to in order to assist Members to understand the process.

The revisions requested by the Committee were carried out and the flowcharts added. The resulting, amended report is attached for reference.

The Governance Committee accordingly recommends to Council that it:

Approve the amendments to the Constitution contained within the report to Governance Committee (attached as appendix 1) which would permit changes to the range and scope of the Highways Advisory Committee.