

## **Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2017 to March 2018**

**Select Committee:** Economy Transport and Environment

**Report of Chairman:** Councillor Floss Mitchell

### **Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**

*Concessionary Fares* – In November 2016 the Select Committee scrutinised a proposed change in policy that included stopping the automatic renewal of older persons passes that had not been used for 6 months. The Committee asked to review the impact of this change after it was implemented, and received a report in November 2017. The Committee was satisfied that only a small number of people whose passes were not renewed had subsequently applied to renew their passes, and therefore a saving had been made.

*Road Safety* – Following scrutiny of a change in policy in 2016 regarding road casualty reduction, the Select Committee resolved to set up a task and finish group to look in to road safety. This coincided with a referral of this topic from the Policy & Resources Select Committee, following consideration of performance information in June 2017 that showed an increase in the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads. A cross party group of members was established in September 2017, and held meetings between November 2017 and March 2018. Recommendations arising from this review are due to be put forward to the Select Committee at its April 2018 meeting.

**Statutory Duties Undertaken:** Not applicable to this committee

### **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

*Strategic Transport: Hampshire's Priorities* – At the September 2017 meeting the Select Committee considered a report regarding strategic transport funding and policy prior to a decision of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the recommendations being made to the Executive Member.

**Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** None in this period

**Referrals:** Road Safety topic referred from Policy & Resources Select Committee (see above).

### **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

*Economy Transport & Environment Department Transformation to 2019 Revenue Savings Proposals* – At the September 2017 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the proposed savings under the Transformation to 2019 programme within the remit of this Committee. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

*Economy Transport & Environment Department Revenue and Capital Budget* – at the January 2018 meeting the Select Committee pre-scrutinised the 2018/19 budget proposals for the Economy Transport and Environment Department. Following debate, the Select Committee supported the proposals to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Executive Member for Environment and Transport.

### **Policy Review:**

*Waste Strategy* – At the November 2017 meeting, the Select Committee considered a report regarding a revised overall strategic direction for waste management in Hampshire. Following debate the Select Committee supported the proposed direction to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport. A follow up briefing on waste management was provided in March 2018, to update Members on the latest thinking.

### **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

The Committee received items on the following issues:

- Introduction to Scrutiny – at the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee received a presentation on scrutiny, as it was the first meeting of the Committee in a new administration.
- Introduction to Economy Transport and Environment Department Functions – at the June 2017 meeting the Select Committee received a presentation on the services within the Committee's remit, as it was the first meeting of the Committee in a new administration.
- Air Pollution and Air Quality – at the November 2017 meeting the Select Committee received a report on air pollution and air quality.
- Highway Maintenance – in December 2017 a briefing was held for Select Committee Members regarding managing a declining highway network

**Upcoming topics:** The following topics feature on the Select Committee's Work Programme:

- Transformation to 2019 savings for Economy Transport & Environment Department
- Review of 20mph speed limit pilots
- Update on Fly Tipping, following strategy agreed in March 2017