

Report to: **Cabinet**

Date of meeting: **10 November 2020**

By: **Director of Communities, Economy and Transport**

Title: **Scrutiny Review of Road Markings**

Purpose: **To provide the Cabinet with the opportunity to comment on the report of the Scrutiny Review of Road Markings**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) note and welcome the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee; and**
 - 2) advise the County Council that, in considering the report of the Scrutiny Committee, the Council be recommended to welcome the report of the Scrutiny Committee and to agree the response of the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport as set out in appendix 1 to this report.**
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1. Background

1.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 18 September 2019 agreed to establish a Review Board to undertake a Scrutiny Review of Road Markings. The scope of the review included;

- The types of road markings and how frequently they are renewed;
- the specifications for road markings and how they are applied;
- whether utility company reinstatement works are replacing road markings adequately;
- the road markings the Parking Team is responsible for (e.g. double yellow lines, parking bays etc.); and
- the role of the Road Safety Team regarding road markings.

1.2 The lines of enquiry which have been explored in this review are:

- Could the current system of prioritisation for routine maintenance work to refresh/renew road markings be improved?
- Why do some road markings appear to wear out more rapidly than expected?
- How frequently are parking enforcement road markings renewed and are there additional road markings that could be paid for from the parking budget?
- What do other local authorities spend on road markings and is the ESCC level of expenditure adequate?

2. Supporting information

2.1 The Scrutiny Review of Road Markings is welcomed by the Department and the opportunity afforded by this review to explain to Members how the service is delivered.

2.2 The Department's response to the Review Board's recommendations and action plan are set out in appendix 1.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Review has highlighted several Member concerns about the current approach to maintaining road markings in the county. It is recommended that the Cabinet agrees to the implementation of the action plan as detailed in appendix 1.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None