

Scrutiny Work Programme Suggestion Form

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| Date | 22 November 2020 (revised 17 July 2020 submission) |
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| Proposed Scope / Focus for Review | <p>To examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how HDC assesses the benefits to the local economy, residents, workers and visitors of enabling more walking, cycling and other micromobility modes eg mobility scooters, e-scooters - how well HDC systems, policies and resources meet the emerging sustainable travel requirements of NPPF, CWIS, Gear Change, and the WSCC Walking and Cycling strategy - whether the draft Horsham District Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Programme (LCWIP) adequately covers Horsham District. |
| Your Rationale for Selection | In September 2019, O&S decided 'To wait until after the Town Centre cycling strategy had been produced and then consider whether to form a cycling task and finish group to use the town centre document as a template for the whole district'. A final draft LCWIP is to be presented to cabinet on 26 Nov 2020. To the dismay of many interested parties, this fails to cover much of the district, nor the very town centre itself. |
| Evidence | <p>DfT's LCWIP Technical Guidance for Local Authorities</p> <p>DfT's recent (July 2020) policy paper 'Gear Change'</p> <p>The draft LCWIP to be presented to cabinet on 26 Nov 2020.</p> <p>HDC's contribution to WSCC's first tranche submission for Covid related DfT money was roughly 800m long, and one way only, whereas Adur Worthing (with an LCWIP) had 2 bi-directional schemes with a total length of approximately 6.3km.</p> |
| Desired Outcomes / Objectives / Possible Terms of Reference | A more transparent process for supporting and promoting sustainable travel which clearly identifies the socio-economic benefits. / Expedite rapid production of a fit for purpose (ie district wide) LCWIP to support HDC's response to future funding opportunities, be they from central government or more local sources (eg S106 or CIL), and reinforce HDPF / HDLP planning policies. / Scrutiny would examine HDC's internal processes and the relationship with WSCC Highways, with the LCWIP as a central theme. |
| Other Comments | 'Gear Change' should alter the mindset around provision for walking and cycling within the district. It is hoped that a T&F group examination would expedite the necessary changes. |

What timescale do you perceive to be necessary for this review?

Urgent ☐ Within six months ☐ Within 6-12 months ☒

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