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GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (REVIEWS)

DATE: TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010
TIME: 4PM
**PLACE: COUNCIL HOUSE, PLYMOUTH (NEXT TO THE CIVIC
CENTRE)**

Committee Members–
Councillor Nicholson, Chair
Councillors Berrow, K Foster, Mrs Nelder and Wright

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Members and Officers are requested to sign the attendance list at the meeting.

Please note that, unless the Chair agrees, mobile phones should be switched off and speech, video and photographic equipment should not be used during meetings.

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PART I (PUBLIC COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Panel Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. EVIDENCE REVIEW

(Pages 1 - 2)

The Panel will receive an update on the evidence findings from the previous Task and Finish Group meeting held on 17 November 2010.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

(Pages 3 - 4)

The Panel will receive further information on Highways Maintenance.

6. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE PANEL)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

Nil.

Growth and Prosperity OSP
Evidence Review

Highways Maintenance Task and Finish Group – 17 November 2010.

The Panel was informed that –

- (a) Amey worked in partnership with Plymouth City Council as an integrated team (Plymouth Transport & Highways); the partnership managed and maintained assets and services including 900 kilometres of roads, 1,530 kilometres of footways, 26,000 streetlights, 34,500 gullies and winter maintenance;
- (b) Plymouth City Council and Amey jointly planned and managed the delivery of services through an Annual Plan, Operations Board and Strategic Partnering Board;
- (c) a Capitalised Maintenance Team reviewed the maintenance budget to ensure that money was available for prioritised work;
- (d) a monthly report regarding the budget and current maintenance works was ratified and agreed by the Operations Board; this was then submitted to the Strategic Board which consisted of Amey and Plymouth City Council employees. The Cabinet Member was updated on a weekly basis as to the budget and maintenance works;
- (e) the current contract with amey was for a seven year period however this could be extended by a further three years; this contract was subject to annual review;
- (f) there was an overspend in the last year's maintenance budget for 2009/2010 which had been taken from the 2010/2011 budget;
- (g) the allocation of money for different maintenance budgets could be adapted in order to provide money where required; this was jointly determined by Plymouth City Council and Amey;
- (h) the current street lighting contract was up for renewal in 2013;
- (i) it was agreed with the City Centre Company where resources would be directed towards street furniture maintenance in the city centre;
- (j) there was a provision in the budget for insurance claims;
- (k) routine safety inspections were conducted by Plymouth Transport and Highways to identify defects; four routine maintenance gangs were available to perform repairs;
- (l) severe weather conditions had deteriorated the condition of the road network; this was also worsened by a reduction in maintenance spending in 2009/2010;

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- (m) inspections in shopping areas were carried out on a monthly basis, main road inspections were carried out on a three monthly basis and districts were inspected on a 6-9 monthly basis;
- (n) Plymouth Transport and Highways had a 'priority list' for maintenance work – this was a live document which was continually added to as a result of inspections, the condition survey, Councillor feedback and complaints from members of the public;
- (o) work to be completed in the next five years would be in the Local Transport Plan 3;
- (p) within the Transport Department, Clive Perkin – Assistant Director for Transport, would make a decision on spending allocation;
- (q) the Transport Asset Management Plan was currently being developed and would highlight maintenance works, costs and future projects for the next 15 years;
- (r) vehicles known as Quick Change Bodies (QCB) were able to adapt to different types of work such as gulley cleaning and being used as a tipper lorry;
- (s) maintenance works carried out were audited by the British Standard Institute for Quality and Network Management;
- (t) auditors would check the operation on the network; this was an opportunity for improved working practice;
- (u) a new tracking system was installed on maintenance vehicles – this was a good audit tool as records were stored for 2 months and archived;
- (v) advice was currently sought from the Insurance team as to the number of maintenance inspections required.

Agreed that the following information be provided to the next meeting:

- 1) a breakdown of the Capital Programme;
- 2) a breakdown of maintenance works spent on Highways and Footways;
- 3) comparative information from other local authorities regarding maintenance budgets and benchmarking;
- 4) information on insurance costs and budget.

PLYMOUTH TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME (OCTOBER 2010)



Scheme	Total Funding
CAPITALISED MAINTENANCE	£2,024,000
Skew Bridge	£100,000
Highway Drainage Improvements and SWAMP	£114,000
Identified Structural Maintenance	£250,000
Street Lighting	£250,000
Highway maintenance and essential engineering	£1,247,750
Wolesely Road Retaining Wall	£62,250
NEIGHBOURHOODS	£274,000
School Travel Plans and Safer Routes to School	£50,000
Leigham Primary School SRTS	£0
Accessibility Improvements - Stoke AQMA	£25,000
Devonport library pedestrian crossing	£15,000
Essential neighbourhood minor improvements	£170,000
Devonport High School for Boys	£14,000
Safety Camera Partnership	£0
CONGESTION REDUCTION AND IMPROVING PT PUNCTUALITY	£727,192
MOVA @ Manadon Roundabout	£408,000
City Centre congestion reduction	£176,692
Devonport station accessibility improvements	£43,000
Tavistock Road North-bound	£67,500
Tavistock Road South-bound	£32,000
Derriford Hospital Bus Priority	£22,000
STRATEGIC	£715,352
Strategic Cycle Network and Safer Routes to School	£140,000
PlymGo	£72,500
Traveline	£56,000
Public Transport Innovation	£80,000
Smart ticketing	£0
A386 Major Scheme	£366,852
TOTAL	£3,740,544

N.B. The East End Major Transport Scheme has been excluded from the above figures.

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