

COMMITTEE: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

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SUBMISSION:

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Title (in the form of a question):

How is road repair work prioritised by the highways authority, and what is being done to address the poor state of Ipswich's roads?

Brief explanation of work programme area and reason why the proposed area should be scrutinised:

Residents of Ipswich are frustrated with the poor state of many of the town's roads, in light of extra funding being made available for road repairs in the county, it would be useful for there to be a public debate on the condition of Ipswich roads and an opportunity for Committee to seek a review of Suffolk County Council's priorities for resources for roads.

Evidence required to meet work programme request:

- The County Council criteria for resurfacing different types of roads, including Ipswich's concrete roads*
- The County Council's current and planned maintenance programme for Ipswich and Suffolk roads to 2020/21, the three years of £21million spend of additional funding*
- Comparison with other Council's highway maintenance programmes in terms of spend and work undertaken*

Expected outcome from the work programme item:

To provide Committee Members opportunity to request revisions to the County Council's road maintenance plans, to reflect residents concerns, and to provide public scrutiny of what priority Ipswich's busiest roads have compared to the Council's overall maintenance programme.

Structure/type of work:

Short Task & Finish with information provided by from SCC Highways, independent highway experts, representatives from comparable councils highways.

Attendance of SCC Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Cabinet Member for Transport, IBC Portfolio Holder for Environment & Transport, Ipswich Buses, Taxi representatives, Chamber of commerce.