

## **Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 17 December 2015**

### **Infrastructure+ - review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements**

#### **Recommendation**

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee consider the final report of the Infrastructure+ review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements, with a view to endorsing its submission for Executive Response.

#### **Report of Scrutiny and Support Manager**

### **Summary**

#### **What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?**

2. The Infrastructure+ - review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements scrutiny Review is now complete and the Working Group has produced a final report containing various recommendations. The Committee are asked to consider the report and determine whether they endorse it for submission to Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport, for the provision of an Executive Response. If submitting the report, the Committee are invited to consider if they wish to make any accompanying submission.

### **Report**

#### **Background**

3. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee has been engaged in regular scrutiny of the Infrastructure+ contract from June 2013, when an outline business case was presented to the Committee, to the present day. In February 2014 Cabinet was asked to consider including a role for scrutiny in the contract monitoring arrangements prior to the award of the contract to Amey in August 2014. Further scrutiny took place in March 2015 and it was resolved that a Working Group be set up to advise the Cabinet Member on how it might be involved in the scrutiny of the contract going forward. A Working Group of three members, Councillors Tagg, Loades and Hollinshead agreed to meet. Councillor Tagg chaired the Working Group and will present this report to the Committee for their consideration.

#### **Next Steps**

4. Subject to the endorsement of the Committee, the final report, together with any accompanying submission that the Committee may wish make, will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport for the provision of an Executive Response to the conclusions and recommendations.

5. The Committee proposes that a scrutiny member, who is not a member of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee, be identified to join the Customer Satisfaction Outcomes Group. It has been suggested that the Corporate Review Committee be invited to identify a Member who could undertake this role.

#### **Link to Strategic Plan**

6. The service area which is the subject of the review is most closely aligned with the *insert* priority.

#### **Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity**

7. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee has scrutinised Infrastructure+ on February 2014, August 2014 and March 2015.

#### **Community Impact**

8. The equalities and legal; resource and value for money; risk; climate change; health and any other implications are set out in section 7 of the appended report.

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#### **Appendix**

- Final Report of the Infrastructure+ - review of governance and reporting arrangements Working Group