

Local Members' Interest
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## **Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### **Executive Response to the Infrastructure+ - scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee**

#### **Recommendations**

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee receives the formal response of the Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport to the recommendations of the Infrastructure + review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements.
2. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee considers the content of the accompanying action plan.
3. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee monitors the action plan and implementation of the agreed recommendations on a six monthly exception basis, until all recommendations have been fully implemented.

#### **Report of Cllr Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport**

#### **Summary**

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

4. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee are asked to receive the formal response to the final report and recommendations of the Infrastructure + review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements and to make arrangements to monitor the plan for implementing the agreed recommendations – to make sure that action is taken and delivers the intended outcome.

#### **Report**

##### **Background**

5. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee nominated a Member Working Group to undertake a review into the governance and reporting arrangements of Infrastructure+
6. The findings and recommendations of the review were endorsed by the name of Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee at their meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The report was then submitted to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment with a request for their formal response. The recommendations were agreed.
7. Attached as an Appendix to this report is a table setting out:

- a. each of the agreed recommendations;
- b. the organisation/lead Member or officer;
- c. the action proposed (or already taken) in response to the agreed recommendations;  
and
- d. a deadline for completion.

### **Community Impact**

8. The Infrastructure+ contract is complex and diverse. Both capital grant and revenue highway funding resources have reduced significantly in recent years. Value for money is ensured in the various elements through effective business planning to establish prioritised works programmes and service improvement priorities, which are then monitored through effective governance, including benchmarking and robust performance management. Works programmes are prepared in accordance with County Council policies and priorities e.g. Highways Asset Management Plan and Integrated Transport Priorities (e.g. safety, economic growth and accessibility). Annual Capital Programmes are signed off under delegated powers by the Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure.

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### **List of Appendices/Background papers**

- Executive Response Action Plan (appended)
- Minutes of meeting of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015
- Infrastructure+ - review of scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee