

**ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
11 JANUARY 2011**

**WORKING GROUPS UPDATE REPORT
(Lead Working Group Members)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the working groups of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That this update report be noted.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Highway Maintenance

- 3.1 Since the last meeting of this Panel, the first meeting of the reconvened Highways Maintenance Working Group has taken place which featured a recap of past work, a briefing explaining the accounting regime associated with highways maintenance and the provision of asset management data concerning the condition of the Borough's highways. Activities at future meetings will include meeting representatives of the Council's highway maintenance contractor, receiving the outcome of the Local Transport Settlement for 2011/12 – 2012/13 and indicative allocations for 2013/14 - 2014/15, and considering public engagement in the review.

Commercial Sponsorship

- 3.2 The Member Reference Group established to provide views and advice to the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities on a prospective procurement of an agency service to attract commercial sponsorship income for Bracknell Forest has met on two occasions to date. The Member Reference Group's first meeting was held in September 2010 when it agreed that a commercial sponsorship scheme would be acceptable in principle and that the possibility of introducing a viable scheme be explored. At a second meeting, in November 2010, the Group received briefings in respect of the Council's corporate identity standards and the planning and highway policies and constraints applying to signage and other issues relating to sponsorship. The briefings informed the development of a framework around key policy, infrastructure and other limitations / issues which could apply to commercial sponsorship for briefing representatives of prospective agents who will be invited to the Group's third meeting.

Streetscene Supplementary Planning Document and Highways Guide for Development

- 3.3 The Working Group established to formulate a response to the Streetscene Supplementary Planning Document and linked Highways Guide for Development consultation drafts, which form part of the Local Development Framework, concluded

its business in one meeting and submitted comments in response to the consultation.
The notes of that meeting are attached elsewhere on this agenda.

Background Papers

None

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