



DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	PLANNING COMMITTEE	13TH NOVEMBER 2019	4

ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION LIAISON GROUP

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At the Planning Committee on 12 June 2019, members requested that a liaison group be established, similar in format to the existing Education Liaison Group, that would consist of officers and members of Fylde Council and Lancashire County Council. The aim of the group would be to ensure effective communication between Lancashire County Council and Fylde Council in regard to both policy and operational matters relating to highways and transportation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That members nominate 3 members of the Planning Committee to represent Fylde Council, as necessary, at meetings of a Highway and Transportation Liaison Group to be established with Lancashire County Council in order to ensure Highways and Transportation Issues are reflected in planning policy and decisions made by Fylde Council.
2. That the Highway and Transportation Liaison Group be classified as an Outside Body with a subsequent report being made to Council to endorse the 3 appointments recommended by the Planning Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

As part of its consideration of representations on outside bodies on 12 June 2019, Planning Committee resolved to examine the feasibility of establishing a Highways and Transportation Liaison Group with a remit similar to the existing Education Liaison Group.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

1. The Council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies in each municipal year. When considering nominations for outside bodies at its meeting on 12 June 2019, the Planning Committee requested that a report be presented to a future meeting of the committee on the feasibility of establishing an additional working group (similar to the Planning Education Liaison Group) on highway related matters.
2. The Council constantly strives to improve communications with partner organisations in order to understand issues that affect respective areas of work and to develop complementary aims and objectives. It is considered that the establishment of a liaison group would be in line with this objective and officers of Lancashire County Council consider that the establishment of such a group would be of value to their work.
3. It is proposed, therefore, that a highways and transportation liaison group should be established, which would be attended by officers and members of Fylde and Lancashire County Councils in order to discuss policy development and operational matters relating to highways and transportation. The group would meet as and when required with either Fylde or Lancashire County Councils able to call a meeting to discuss a particular issue. Liaison group meetings would be attended by those officers who are best placed to deal with the issues on each individual agenda with representatives of Fylde's Planning Committee and Lancashire County Council's Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Highways and Transportation attending as required.
4. It is suggested that 3 members of the planning committee be nominated to represent Fylde Council at liaison group meetings. It is important that the members nominated to represent the council have an appropriate interest in highways and transportation matters, can commit to positively represent the council and be available to commit the time to attend the majority of the meetings involved. It is also considered that the members nominated should ideally be members of the Planning Committee.
5. The current protocol is that members are required to produce regular reports about the outside bodies on which they serve, usually every six months. It is the intention that this information will be made available to the Planning Committee members.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None
Legal	None
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Planning Committee Minutes	12 June 2019	https://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/