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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2016

A MEETING of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 2016 at **10.15**

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J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

21 January 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 8) Minute of the meeting of 26 November 2015 to be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached).	2 mins
5.	Maintenance of Roads (Pages 9 - 16) Consider report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services and Service Director Commercial Services. (Copy attached).	30 mins
6.	Membership of Scrutiny Committee Consider a proposal to amend the Council's Scheme of Administration to allow the addition of three non-voting external members on the Scrutiny Committee and that these additional members will also be eligible to be non-voting members of a Scrutiny Working Group.	10 mins
7.	Scrutiny Reviews (Pages 17 - 20) Update on Subjects included in the Future Scrutiny Review Programme. (Copy attached).	15 mins
8.	Any other Items Previously Circulated	
9.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
10.	Items Likely to be Taken in Private Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be	

	approved:- That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the aforementioned Act.	
11.	Private Minute (Pages 21 - 22)	2 mins
12.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of Scrutiny Committee will be held on Thursday, 18 February 2016 at 10.00 am.	

NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors G. Logan (Chairman), W. Archibald, K. Cockburn, A. Cranston, I. Gillespie, S. Mountford, A. J. Nicol and J. Torrance.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on Thursday, 26 November, 2015 at 10.00 am

Present:- Councillors G Logan (Chairman), W Archibald, K Cockburn, A Cranston, I Gillespie, S Mountford, A Nicol and J Torrance.
Apologies:- Councillors R Stewart.
Also Present:- Councillor J Campbell.
In Attendance:- Corporate Transformation and Service Director, Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull).

1. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 29 October 2015.

DECISION

NOTED for signature by the Chairman.

2. **SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP - GREAT TAPESTRY: PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

With reference to paragraph 2(c) of the Minute of 29 October, there had been circulated a briefing note by the Corporate Transformation and Services Director detailing the proposed Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Working Group. At the last meeting, the Committee had agreed to form a Scrutiny Working Group to examine the decision making process in respect of the Great Tapestry of Scotland project and ascertain if there were any lessons which could be learned for future projects. The Committee had also agreed to defer appointment to the Scrutiny Working Group until all members were present to participate in the decision. Councillor Cockburn asked if paragraph 2.2 of the Terms of Reference could be amended to include reference to the perceived lack of public consultation and to examine the extent to which this was a concern. The Corporate Transformation and Service Director, Mr Rob Dickson, advised that the scope of the proposed Terms of Reference was comprehensive in order that the Working Group could consider all aspects of the decision making process and ascertain if there were any shortcomings in that process. This could include reviewing public perception of the consultation process. Councillor Nicol commented that the working group should not be considering the Tapestry decision as such but reflecting and advising on the decision making process for future projects. Mr Dickson added that recommendations from the Scrutiny Working Group would be presented to officers for guidance when undertaking future such projects. The Committee agreed to the proposed Terms of Reference. The Committee then discussed the appointment of Members to the Scrutiny Working Group.

VOTE

Councillor Torrance, seconded by Councillor Archibald moved that the Scrutiny Working Group membership be: Councillors: Cockburn, Gillespie, Campbell and Garvie.

The Chairman, Councillor Logan, seconded by Councillor Cockburn moved as an amendment that the Scrutiny Working Group membership be: Councillors: Cockburn, Gillespie, Campbell, Garvie, Mountford and McAteer.

Adjournment

The Chairman requested an adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10.20 am and reconvened at 10.45 pm.

On a show of hands Members voted as follows

Motion - 5 votes
Amendment - 3 votes

The motion was accordingly carried.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) **the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Working Group as detailed in the Briefing Note attached to the Agenda.**
- (b) **to appoint the Scrutiny Working Group as follows:**
 - Councillor K Cockburn**
 - Councillor I Gillespie**
 - Councillor J Campbell (co-opted)**
 - Councillor G Garvie (co-opted).**

3. PRIVATE BUSINESS

DECISION

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

4. SCRUTINY REVIEW REQUEST - TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE IN GALASHIELS

The committee agreed to receive an update at the March 2016 meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

5. SCRUTINY REVIEWS - UPDATE ON SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of 29 October 2015, there had been circulated an updated list of subjects which the Scrutiny Committee had been asked to review and which included the source of the request, the stage the process had reached and the date, if identified, of the Scrutiny meeting at which the information would be presented. In addition, Members were also asked to consider further subjects for inclusion on this list for presentation at future meetings of the Committee. When deciding whether subjects would be reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee, Members required a clear indication from the initiator of the request as to which aspects of the subject they wished to be reviewed. This would enable the Committee to determine whether they subject was appropriate for consideration. Following discussion Members agreed that the Support for High Achievers in Schools review be brought to the March 2016 meeting. It was agreed that the review on Passenger Transport and Escorts requested by Councillor Torrance be amended to a review on School Transport and Escorts and the Committee would receive a short presentation in March 2016 on the issues to determine whether they wished to pursue this review further. With reference to the request from Greenlaw and

Hume Community Council to review outsourcing as adopted by other authorities, in particular outsourcing to a third sector organisation, the Committee requested that the Clerk contact the Community Council and ask for clarity on which aspects of the subject they wished to be reviewed.

6. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraph should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed / make an early decision.

7. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillors Cockburn and Gillespie declared an interest in the undernoted item in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct as they were Trustees of BLST. However, in terms of Section 5.18(2)(i) they did not withdraw from the meeting as the interest was covered by a specific exclusion.

8. **REQUEST FROM THE ROYAL BURGH OF PEEBLES & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

There had been circulated at the meeting, a request from the Royal Burgh of Peebles & District Community Council, requesting a review on the process that led to the decision to agree that Victoria Park, Peebles be the preferred location for the 3G pitch. In response to a question, Mr Dickson advised that as the decision, made by Executive Committee, had been within the last six months it was therefore not eligible for review. Moreover, the call-in process was time limited and this had now elapsed. Mr Hayworth, a member of Peebles & District Community Council was in attendance and stated that there appeared to have been an issue with the public consultation, in particular the leafleting of properties. The Victoria Park was used by the whole community and only the properties adjacent to the park had been asked to participate in the consultation. Mr Dickson advised that the Council's community engagement tool kit was adopted by the Community Planning Strategic Board, in May 2015. It might therefore be relevant for the Committee to consider the review request in the context of this engagement framework. In response to a question, officers advised that the avenue open to members of the public to review the decision following the 6 month period would be to submit a petition to the Petition and Deputations Committee. The Committee discussed the request and agreed to receive a presentation on the community engagement framework at the April 2016 meeting. In light of this presentation the Committee would then consider how they wished to proceed with the request from Peebles and District Community Council in relation to the 3G pitch.

DECISION

AGREED the proposed list of subjects for review by Scrutiny Committee, as appended to the Minute, and any further actions detailed against particular reviews.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee would take place on Thursday 28 January 2016.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 am

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Scrutiny Committee – Review Subjects

The following are those subject areas which have been requested for Scrutiny to consider and the stage they have reached:

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Councillor Logan	Support for High Achievers in Schools		March 2016. Presentation by Service Director Children & Young People.	
Councillor Torrance	School Transport and Escorts		March 2016.	
Greenlaw and Hume CC	<p>Local Authorities have for some time now had “their backs to the wall” with funding cuts and freezes. We know from dealings with various departments of SBC that activity levels are always being reviewed for yet more efficiencies. The reality however is that such reviews, after many years, will collide with the laws of diminishing returns. The efforts of the review in fact might outweigh the efficiencies delivered, some of which might be more theoretical than realisable.</p> <p>Another approach, often shied away from because of the implications for current staffing levels, is to consider whether any SBC activity could more efficiently and cost effectively be delivered by external service providers. Outsourcing can of course sound like a good idea, but years down the line can become an even bigger burden, if the terms and conditions have not been properly thought through, and the relationship has not been nurtured and kept healthy.</p> <p>So outsourcing is not an easy option, or one that should be entered into lightly, but for any of the 32 local authorities in Scotland there is a potential short cut to identify really good outsourcing opportunities i.e. by looking at best practice in other LA’s and learn from their outsourcing success stories.</p> <p>We think this is particularly relevant where the most obvious provider for</p>	To request the clerk ask the Community Council for further clarity.		

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	<p>outsourced services is a not for profit organisation. The example we have in mind is in the area of social services where SBC's neighbouring authority, Dumfries and Galloway, have outsourced debt and benefit advisory service provision completely to Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).</p> <p>Like many Third Sector organisations operating on a national level, CAB can access a level of high quality trained volunteer resource, many from a professional background, that Local Authorities are simply unable to access. Like CAB many have a highly regarded reputation, network, and track record of performance delivery, which makes them an ideal partnership candidate, which already has deeply embedded credibility in the community.</p> <p>So our suggestion in summary is that SBC Scrutiny Committee should look at outsourcing success stories elsewhere in Scottish Local Authority bodies, in particular where the service has been outsourced to a third sector organisation.</p>			
Scrutiny Committee	Renewable energy – to include arrangements for biomass boilers at high schools.	Likely to be considered by the Executive Committee. <i>Scrutiny Review on hold.</i>		
Royal Burgh of Peebles & District Community Council	<p>Review the process that led to the decision by the Council's Executive Committee to agree that Victoria Park, Peebles is the preferred location for a 3G pitch.</p> <p>This issue relates to how (and under what circumstances) community consultation is designed, planned and managed, and how the processes by which Council canvasses the views of local communities can be facilitated and improved upon.</p>	A presentation on the Community Engagement Framework be brought to the April 2016 meeting. Scrutiny then to decide how they wished to proceed.	April 2016	

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MAINTENANCE OF ROADS - A REVIEW BY 'SCRUTINY'

**Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services & Service Director
Commercial Services**

SCRUTINY

28 January 2016

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to respond to a question raised by Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council who have submitted the following request to Scrutiny Committee:-

Review the extent to which the SBC budget for road repairs and maintenance is sufficient to meet need and the not unreasonable expectation that roads will be maintained in a safe condition. Within this context, to particularly examine how the allocation of budget for rural roads is arrived at and whether more should be allocated.

- 1.2 The report will explain how funds are allocated.
- 1.3 The report will give the latest position on road conditions & Capital investment options.
- 1.4 The report will indicate where Capital funds for 2015/16 are allocated across the different road classifications.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **We recommend to the Scrutiny Committee that it notes :**

- a) the way in which funds are allocated,**
- b) the current condition of the road network and investment options,**
- c) the current allocation of funds for carriageways per road classifications.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In responding to the question raised it is important to give background to how resources are allocated and how the standards and levels of service are determined across the Scottish Borders
- 3.2 The Council faces significant budget pressures and it is critical that there is a clear understanding of the links between levels of service, delivery and funding.
Providing the highest levels of service against shrinking public service budgets is a challenge and the Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP) provides a framework and approach to move forward.
- 3.3 Road asset management is a way of running the 'business' of operating and maintaining a road network. The RAMP identifies the current network assets and develops a framework to enhance existing good practice and improve the effectiveness of the operation of the network. The RAMP is designed to provide the technical detail and operational standards for helping the Council deliver road services.
- 3.4 Levels of Service describe the standard of services provided. We measure and monitor performance against the service standards in order to determine if the levels of service being provided match up with the customer expectations and are in line with both national and local goals and objectives
- 3.5 The Council produced an Annual Status & Options report which presents a summary of the council's road assets as at October 2015, and
- Describes the current condition of the asset
 - Details the asset and the budgets that are available
 - Presents the options available for the future linked to Project Business Cases (PBC's)

The report complements the (RAMP). It provides information that will enable choices to be made about future levels of investment in the road asset.

- 3.6 The report presents a variety of options for the different asset groups of carriageways, street lighting and bridges. These options have been presented to SBC Senior Management through the PBC process and to be considered as part of the Councils Capital Plan.

4 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS & ROAD CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The roads asset is made up of a number of key asset groups, carriageway, footway, bridges, lighting, structures, drainage, road signs and markings and street furniture.
- 4.2 In determining appropriate levels of investment for these asset groups it has been proven that the carriageway asset for a rural authority accounts for around 80% of the investment

Therefore in responding to the question to Ettrick & Yarrow Community Council, it is appropriate to focus on the treatment of carriageways.

4.3 The table below shows the breakdown of road lengths per classification of road.

The council's carriageways assets total 2968km made up of:

Classification	Urban (km)	Rural (km)
A	32	426
B	35	565
C	25	744
U	285	856

4.4 From the table above the road length per Area Forum is shown as follows:

Area Forum	% Length of road
Tweeddale	14
Eildon	22
Teviot & Liddesdale	16
Cheviot	19
Berwickshire	29

4.5 However, allocation of funds is NOT based on road length, BUT rather than need. If there is a need to invest in one area more than another then the appropriate allocation is made on that basis. What is determined is that, priority is given to our A & B Class road network, in particular rural routes which carry the majority of our traffic and form the key links between communities. These routes whilst carrying the bulk of traffic are generally high speed, covering large topographical areas and can be the subject of serious accident sites.

4.6 Road Condition Indicator (RCI) is a survey which collects condition measures including, longitudinal profile, lane rutting, texture of surface and cracking. Data is collected through a machine based survey on:

- A Class roads in both directions every 2 years
- B & C Class roads in both directions every 4 years
- U Class roads – 10% sample in one direction each year.

Lengths of road are classified as

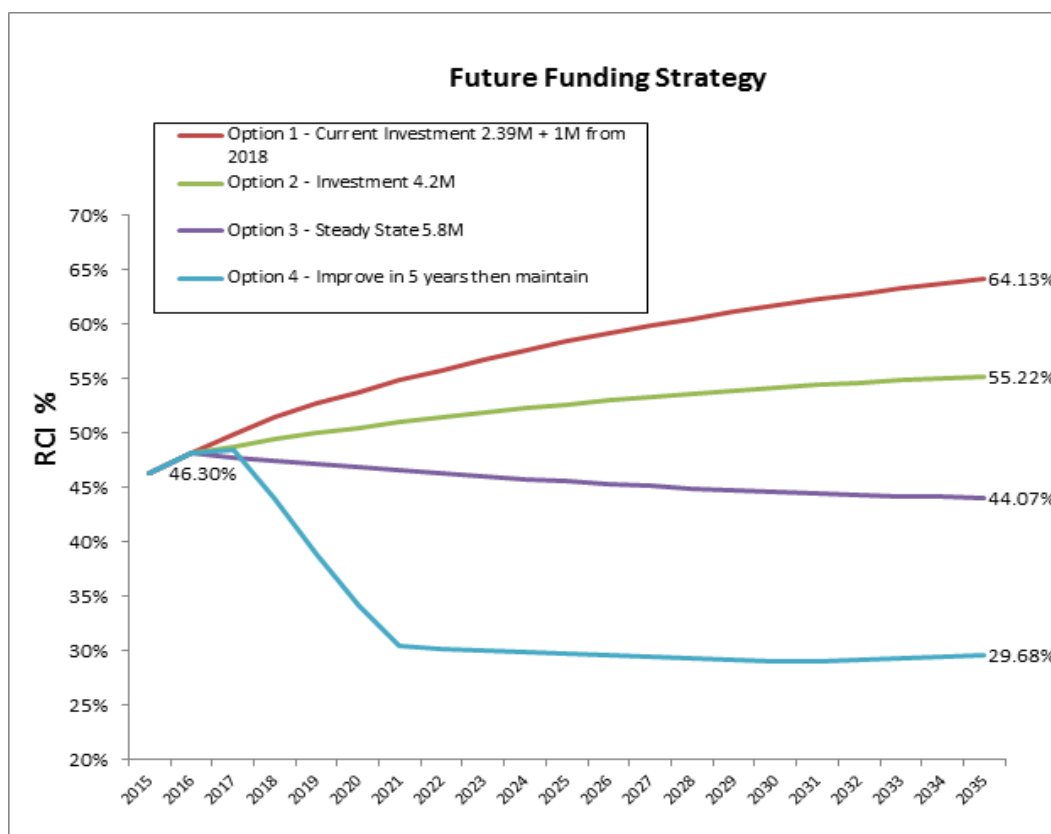
- **RED** – maintenance is required
- **AMBER** – requires further investigation
- **GREEN** - satisfactory condition

RCI is the sum of the Red & Amber classification expressed as a percentage of the total road length.

4.7 Annual surveys are carried throughout Scotland’s road network and Scottish Borders participates in this survey, allowing us to benchmark against similar authorities. The table below is the current road condition indicator (RCI) for each category of road in Scottish Borders area – the overall RCI is 46.3%. Generally, the RCI figure is increasing year on year at a rate of between 1.5% and 2%

Road Condition Index (RCI) Results 2014-16									
	Class A		Class B		Class C		Class U (D)		Network
RCI = 46.3	Length (Km)	%	Length (Km)	%	Length (Km)	%	Length (Km)	%	%
>=10 0	19	4	40	7	54	7	177	16	10
>=40	130	28	208	35	271	35	474	41	36
<40	309	68	351	58	443	58	490	43	54

4.8 Current spending plans indicate that there will be a gradual increase in the (RCI) over the next 10 years and that any attempt to recover the position to existing levels will require major investment. Work will continue to ensure that the network will remain safe to support the economic development of the region. Recent trends have also shown an increase in the number of potholes reported, whilst these can also result in insurance claims against the council, the majority still remain to be successfully defended. The table below shows the change in carriageway condition over a 20 year period with different annualised capital funding strategies in place.



These most recent figures build on the information previously brought forward to the Council on the 27 March 2014.

- 4.9 In recognition of this trend a full review of the roads service is currently being carried out to examine what options are available to ensure we get the most from the budgets available, ensuring we maximise productivity, performance and an overall improvement to the condition of roads within the Scottish Borders area.
- 4.10 The current Capital funding of roads which includes patching, surface dressing and overlays across the Scottish Borders for 2015/16 is shown in the Table below, however it should be noted that only surface dressing and overlays contribute towards the potential improvement in RCI.

Treatment	Class A		Class B		Class C		Class U (D)	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Patching	£0	£0	£0	£251,731	£0	£205,530	£8,765	£107,974
Surface Dressing	£0	£312,000	£0	£350,000	£0	£400,000	£0	£245,000
Overlays	£90,000	£318,000	£40,000	£200,000	£150,000	£35,000	£200,000	£50,000
TOTALS	£90,000	£630,000	£40,000	£801,731	£150,000	£640,530	£208,765	£402,974

This table indicates that £2.5M will be allocated to the Rural road network and £0.5M is allocated to the Urban road network.

5 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 In coming to a conclusion on the original question:

Review the extent to which the SBC budget for road repairs and maintenance is sufficient to meet need and the not unreasonable expectation that roads will be maintained in a safe condition. Within this context, to particularly examine how the allocation of budget for rural roads is arrived at and whether more should be allocated.

- 5.2 Officers would comment that in the context of the current financial restrictions placed on this Council we are of the view that roads remain to be managed to ensure they are in a safe condition, whilst accepting that there is evidence that overall condition of roads are deteriorating. Pothole numbers are increasing, which results in minor incidents of tyre damage etc. however the overall, 'safe' condition of roads is still at an acceptable level.
- 5.3 The major investment in roads is through Capital funds and officers continue to direct funds on a needs basis, wherever possible ensuring that road surfaces remain to be kept in a reasonable condition, prioritised to routes which have high levels of traffic use, volumes and speeds.

- 5.4 Distribution of funds is determined on a needs basis, Scottish Borders Council is a rural authority by definition , 87% of the road network is rural. Officers are comfortable that a substantial amount of budget is already allocated to the rural road network and that an appropriate balance exists between maintaining levels of service on the rural and urban road network.

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

The 'report' represents the agreed Capital Plan of the Council.

6.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that, by not implementing a RAMP, the investment will not deliver the maximum benefits over the long term or will address the needs of local communities. The RAMP will identify any specific risks and mitigation measures that are required in managing road assets.

6.3 Equalities

It is anticipated that there will be no equalities issues as a result of this report.

6.4 Acting Sustainably

The implementation of the RAMP review will consider any economic, social or environmental effects of potential investments made in the road asset.

6.5 Carbon Management

There are no direct carbon management impacts as a result of this report.

6.6 Rural Proofing

The implementation of the RAMP, will consider the impact on rural communities.

6.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in the report.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the final report.

Approved by

Jenni Craig

Service Director Neighbourhood Services Signature

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