

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE**26 NOVEMBER 2013**

Extract from Minutes of the meeting of the PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2013 at 5.30 pm

PC28 ANNOUNCEMENT

The Leader of the Council announced that the existing MKC highways work force would, between now and April 2014, be re-focused, to primarily only deal with defects on the Public Highway. As a result:

- a fortnightly defects report would be submitted to the regular meeting between Cabinet and the Corporate Leadership Team;
- Highway Operations Team would be merged with the Highways Service, giving the Head of Highways 'command and control' powers over the operational element of the service;
- a full complement of five Highway Inspectors would be in place by no later than the end of September 2013 and a re-audit of Highways would be carried out in mid to late August 2013;
- details of the defects code of practice would be issued with illustrative photos to all councillors, parishes and town councils and stakeholders explaining exactly what a defect was and the repair policy;
- the Assistant Director (Public Realm) would meet with colleagues in the Insurance section to identify, individual claims, claim trends and any hot spots of claims identified;
- during August 2013 work would be prioritised to ensure the 'Confirm' system for recording defects was purged of completed work and work allocations to ensure it provided a reliable record of defects and outstanding works; and
- all other programmed work would be awarded to external contractors up to 31 March 2014 using the Small Works Framework Contract.