

## Guidance for Councillor for Work Programme Suggestions

### **Proposed scope / focus of review**

Identify precisely what will be reviewed to provide focus and direction.

### **Your rationale for selection**

What are the reasons for reviewing the topic and the key issues? Are they good ones which will stand up to Scrutiny themselves?

e.g. Is the issue important to local people?

What is the strength of Member interest?

What is the possible impact of a review – is there the potential to make a difference?

The focus must be on improving services, performance, policies or decisions for residents and/or significant savings. The Commission needs to be sure that the reviews do not tie up officers on work which has little impact.

### **Evidence**

What are the issues / facts which will support the need for a review?

e.g. Is there any evidence of dissatisfaction with the service or under performance?

### **Desired outcomes/objectives**

What are the outcomes the review is seeking or expected to achieve and how will it benefit or impact on the local community? Again, the Commission needs to be sure that the reviews do not tie up officers on work which has little impact.

e.g. Will the outcomes assist in achieving corporate priorities? If so, which ones?

### **Other comments**

Any other information, proposals or queries.

e.g. How will the subject be reviewed and is this achievable by the resources available?

The Commission needs to be aware of any impact on the ability of officers to deliver services especially small teams where there is likely to be a disproportionate impact.

What sort of timescale is involved?

Need to check what else has happened, is happening or is planned in the areas being considered in order to avoid duplication or wasted effort ( i.e. have regard to the wider programmes of reviews recently completed, being undertaken or programmed).

Are there other, more suitable, ways of investigating or picking up the issues?

## Work Programme Suggestion Form

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### Proposed Scope / focus of review:

To explore the efficacy of traffic management at Handy Cross roundabout, with a focus on the current situation and the situation as it unfolds on relation to planned local development.

### Your rationale for selection:

Strong local public opinion on a range of issues as detailed below

### Evidence:

Public meetings, discussions with a range of local bodies, discussions with national bodies such as Highways England, CCTV footage.

### Desired outcomes / objectives / possible terms of reference:

To address any or all of the matters as follows:

- 1) There are three lanes on the roundabout approaching the node where traffic coming from London leaves the M40. All three lanes can go straight on. Only the right lane can turn right. However, traffic in the middle lane regularly turns right, as evidenced by CCTV footage and accepted by national agencies. This gives rise to countless near misses, road rage incidents and minor bumps. Only the low speeds generally involved mean that more serious accidents do not occur.

Aim – to explore what options there are to improve the situation, what costs would be involved, and to identify budget.

- 2) Traffic exiting the C100 to join the roundabout have been seriously disadvantaged by changes to the traffic light sequencing. It is understood that this is intentional, to discourage northbound users of the A404 from using the C100 as a rat run. This is perceived by those who use the C100 as unfair and it significantly detracts from their quality of life, especially when taken in conjunction with point 3 below.

Aim – to explore what options there are to improve the situation, what costs would be involved, and to identify budget.

- 3) Yellow boxes around the roundabout (i) are very faded (ii) are not enforced and (iii) do not meet the objectives of road users, particularly those exiting the C100.

Aim – to explore what options there are to improve the situation, what costs would be involved, and to identify budget.

- 4) There has been recent development which impacts on traffic flow, developments such as the opening of Next, Waitrose, the coach park, the relocated park'n'ride and the new sports centre. There is proposed future development including (but not limited to) a new Costco, a hotel, offices, homes, increased light industry at Wycombe Air Park and development of the waste facility at Booker.

Aim – to understand how any/all of these changes will impact on traffic flow and to plan for these changes.

### Other comments:

Members, residents and others might have other strands they wish to introduce – I would be pleased to consider suggestions.

What timescale do you perceive to be necessary for this review?

- Within six months