

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Task and Finish Group – Adoption of Roads and Open Spaces</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 17 July 2019
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific;
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Andrew Moulton, Assistant Director Governance

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to consider current arrangements for the adoption of new estate infrastructure (roads and open spaces) following the completion of new housing developments.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee consider the proposal to establish an Infrastructure Adoption Task and Finish Group with the suggested Terms of Reference set out at Annex A to the report.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 19 June 2019, the Committee considered a suggestion from Councillor Croy about the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to consider the current legal and planning framework relating to the adoption of estate infrastructure (roads, play areas, open spaces and landscaping following the completion of new housing developments.

Councillor Croy stated that this issue caused great concern amongst residents as a result of an apparent lack of ownership once developers had moved off site. The proposed Task and Finish Group would examine current arrangements and gather evidence from residents, community groups and Town and Parish Councils. It would also review examples of best practice across the country.

The Council's Constitution enabled the Committee to set up task and Finish Groups to consider specific Scrutiny issues.

Proposed Terms of Reference are set out at Annex A to the report.

A background briefing on the current legal, planning and operational framework is set out at Annex B to the report.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	NA	NA
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	NA	NA
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	NA	NA

### Other Financial Information

None

### Stakeholder Considerations and Consultation

The process and timeframe for adopting new estate infrastructure can be confusing for residents. On a number of occasions residents have been frustrated by delays and the need to progress-chase. A Call for Evidence will be used to generate stakeholder views on the process.

### Timeline for Next Steps

It is proposed that the Task and Finish Group produce a report for submission to the November 2019 meeting of the Committee.

### List of Background Papers

None

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