

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 28 FEBRUARY 2018

DRAFT SCRUTINY PROPOSAL: ABBEY BRIDGE TENDERING, MONITORING AND DELIVERY PROCESSES

Summary

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to consider a scrutiny proposal to set up a Task Group to look at the Abbey Bridge Tendering, Monitoring and Delivery Processes.

Background

2. Abbey Bridge in Evesham was closed for repairs in September 2013. The Bridge was in need of substantial repairs and was initially closed for ten weeks. However, due to complications the bridge didn't reopen until March 2014. The delays to the £8 million project had a significant impact on local businesses. Following a court case and arbitration the County Council were asked to pay an additional sum of money to contractors Hochtief.

Terms of Reference

3. The suggested Terms of Reference are:

To investigate the project planning, tendering and project management processes used by the Council to deliver the Abbey Bridge project.

4. A Scrutiny Proposal is attached at Appendix 1 and sets out the reasons for the proposal, the potential scope of the task group and how it might carry out its work.

Issues Suitable for Scrutiny

5. The OSPB agreed to use a set of criteria (listed below) to help determine its scrutiny programme. A topic does not need to meet all of these criteria in order to be scrutinised, but they are intended as a guide for prioritisation.
 - Is the issue a priority area for the Council?
 - Is it a key issue for local people?
 - Will it be practicable to implement the outcomes of the scrutiny?
 - Are improvements for local people likely?
 - Does it examine a poor performing service?
 - Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?
 - Is it related to new Government guidance or legislation?

Next Steps

6. Other points which need to be taken into account when considering whether to review a particular issue are:
 - is the subject specific? – to ensure that task groups understand exactly what they are scrutinising; and
 - is it achievable within a realistic timescale?
7. Members are asked to take into account issues raised above and:
 - (a) determine whether they wish to set up a scrutiny task group to look at the Abbey Bridge Tendering, Monitoring and Delivery Processes and if so,
 - (b) to consider, comment on and agree the terms of reference and scrutiny proposal.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Proposal: Abbey Bridge Tendering, Monitoring and Delivery Processes

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

[Agenda and Minutes](#) of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 30 January 2018