

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 19 JULY 2021

CYCLICAL DRAINAGE – UPDATE ON ONLINE MAPPING SYSTEM FOR GULLIES

Summary

1. The Panel has requested an update on cyclical drainage in respect of the Council's online mapping system for gullies.
2. The Cabinet Member for Highways and the Assistant Director for Highways and Transport Operations have been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. Gully cleansing is an area which the Panel has maintained regular oversight of, including systems and schedules to cleanse and use of technology to report issues. There are around 104,000 gullies on the Worcestershire highways network, as well as around 10,000 additional drainage assets.
4. At its meeting in March 2021, the Panel was advised that the Directorate had carried out a collaborative exercise with the Council's Service Contractor, Ringway, to review the data relating to drainage assets, including cleansing frequency, locations and defects identified.
5. Members were informed that during 2019/20 significant resources had been deployed to cleanse drainage assets and improve asset data recording and reporting.
6. An online mapping system had been developed which was split into two parts (ensuring data was accurate and fit for purpose and ensuring the system was compatible with the existing County Council website 'report it' function). A trial period was currently taking place with a limited number of users, before the platform was launched.
7. The Panel had been informed that additional funding would be used to resource repairs of many of the defects identified during recent gully emptying and Works programmes had been developed and were due to commence in April this year.
8. Panel Members had been shown a snapshot of the Council's GIS platform, which the new online mapping system would resemble, and arrangements were being made for a demonstration of the new online system for the Panel.

Purpose of the meeting

9. The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the cyclical drainage update and determine:

- whether any further information or scrutiny is required at this stage.
- agree any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - Presentation

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 March 2021, 23 January 2020, 21 November 2019 and 14 November 2018

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