

		AGENDA ITEM 6
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Committee:	Place Services and Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee	
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LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANELS (Minute 10/ September 2016)		
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At its last meeting on 22 September 2016 (Minute 10) the Committee received a presentation from Councillor Eddie Johnson, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and officers on proposals to update the operation of the Local Highways Panels (LHPs).

- **LHPs: Members' Guide 2016/17**

A copy of a 'Members' Guide 2016/17 Consultation Draft' was circulated at the meeting itself, and it was indicated that the Committee would be consulted upon the Guide. In practice the Local Highways Panel Team wrote to all County Councillors via email on 3 October by way of consulting them upon the draft Guide. The deadline for Members' comments is 31 October 2016.

As Members have been in receipt of the draft Guide for several weeks and may have questions upon its content, Councillor Johnson has been invited back to this meeting to answer questions that might assist them in responding to the consultation.

A copy of the draft Guide is attached to the agenda via the following link to the Council's website:

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Local-Highway-Panels.aspx>

As part of the consultation that has now been launched, County Councillors have been asked to consider the following points when responding to the consultation, as well as being advised that all responses will be reviewed and taken into account when producing the final document:

- The general structure of the overall Guide.

- The structure of the individual sections into Introduction, Typical Problems, Things to Consider, Typical Measure, Scheme Investigation, Costs and Timescales.
- The clarity of the language that is used in the document.
- The level of detail provided in each section.
- Any specific Sections where councillors have concerns or comments.
- Any technical terms that may require further explanation.
- Any additional Section or topics that could be included.

LHP: Terms of Reference

Since the last meeting action has been taken to clear the new terms of reference for the LHPs through the County Council's governance procedures, and an update will be sought at the meeting.

Action required by the Committee:

The Committee has an opportunity to ask questions of the Cabinet Member on the draft LHP Members' Guide 2016/17.
