

Report title: Task and Finish Group Update	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Local Highway Panels (LHP) Task and Finish Group.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and approve the draft ‘scoping document’ for the Group as attached in the Appendix.

3. Background

3.1 Proposed Task and Finish Group

At the last meeting of the Committee on 23 September 2021, it was agreed that subject to scoping document, a policy and scrutiny review should be carried out on the future direction of Local Highway Panels (LHPs). Volunteers were sought for the proposed Group, which would be chaired by Councillor Shaw.

The draft scoping document, which will go to the first meeting of the Task & Finish Group, is attached in the Appendix.

4. Everyone’s Essex

The work of the Task & Finish Group (as outlined in the scoping document) would support several elements of the *Everyone’s Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy including on delivering a High Quality Environment for residents.

5. Update and Next Steps

Subject to approval, the scoping document outlines plans for the Task and Group to bring its final report and recommendations back to the Committee’s 20 January 2022 meeting.

6. Appendix – Scoping Document for LHP Task and Finish Group.