

MEETING:	General Overview and Scrutiny Committee
MEETING DATE:	10 March 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	Task and Finish Group: Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services
REPORT BY:	Task and Finish Group

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an Executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider the findings of the scrutiny task and finish group and to recommend the report to the Executive for consideration.

Recommendations

THAT:

- (a) The committee considers the report of the Task and Finish Group: Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services, in particular its recommendations, and determine whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to the Executive; and**
- (b) Subject to the review being approved, the Executive's response to the review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the Executive has approved its response.**

Alternative Options

- 1 The committee can agree, not agree or can vary the recommendations. If the committee agree with the findings and recommendations from the review, the attached report will be submitted to the Executive for consideration. It will be for the Executive to decide whether some, all or none of the recommendations are approved.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The committee commissioned a task and finish group to review the contract relating to public realm services delivered by Balfour Beatty Living Places. The report of the task and finish group, enclosed as Appendix 1, is submitted for consideration and approval by the committee.

Key Considerations

- 3 The task and finish group was established to consider progress made with the delivery of public realm services since the start of the new contract with Balfour Beatty in September 2013 and make recommendations to Cabinet regarding improvements which could be made to inform services planning and delivery for the financial year 2015/16.
- 4 The task and finish group met six times, involving: interviews with council officers, parish council clerks, Balfour Beatty employees and suppliers from the Balfour Beatty supply chain.
- 5 The appended report identifies 12 recommendations arising from the findings of the task and finish group.

Community Impact

- 6 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, community impact will need to be assessed.

Equality and Human Rights

- 7 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, equality and human rights issues will need to be assessed.

Financial Implications

- 8 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the financial implications of any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

Legal Implications

- 9 If the committee agree with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the legal implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

Risk Management

- 10 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the risk management implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

Consultees

11 The consultees are detailed at section 4.5 of the appended report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Task and Finish Group Report - Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services

Background Papers

- None identified.