



DECISION MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER: TRANSPORT AND ROADS
DECISION DATE:	2 April 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	GOSC Task and Finish Group - Balfour Beatty Living Places
REPORT BY:	assistant director place based commissioning

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider recommendations from the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee (GOSC) following the task and finish group report on the public realm contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) and provide the executive's response.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **The Executive approves the response to the recommendations of the task and finish group report (provided in Appendix 1).**

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options to consider

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The task and finish group report reviewed the delivery of the council's public realm contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) and provided a number of recommendations, this report seeks approval for the executive's response to those recommendations.

Key Considerations

- 3 In developing the report the task and finish group considered the progress made with the delivery of public realm services since the start of the new contract with Balfour Beatty in September 2013.
- 4 The public realm contract provides a range of services across Herefordshire including road maintenance, public rights of way, parks and grounds maintenance. The potential impact of this contract to the citizens of and visitors to Herefordshire is significant.
- 5 It is noted that many of the recommendations have already been implemented by the executive.
- 6 The recommendations from the report listed and the executive response is provided in Appendix 1.

Community Impact

- 7 The Public Realm services make a significant contribution to improving the local environment and road and community safety. The recommendations of this report seek to improve the way in which these services are managed and delivered.

Equality and Human Rights

- 8 No changes have been recommended that would have a negative impact to quality and human rights.

Financial Implications

- 9 None as a result of this report.

Legal Implications

- 10 None as a result of this report.

Risk Management

- 11 The Public Realm services contract with BBLP provides a range of high profile front line services which have the potential to directly affect the reputation of the council. The Task and Finish review carried out by General Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the review of their recommendations provides an opportunity to review current practice and improve the delivery of these important services in the future.

Consultees

- 12 Balfour Beatty Living Places

Background Papers

- 13 None