

Hampshire County Council Report April 2016.

Highways and Transport Workshop

The Highways and Transport Workshops (H&T workshop) have been running in the ETE (Economy, Transport and Environment) department for a number of years and were originally established to provide members with two opportunities. Firstly to receive briefings from officers on current key topics within Highways and Transport service, and secondly for Members to have an opportunity to jointly prioritise minor capital works programmes and traffic management programmes for the upcoming financial year.

At the last H&T workshop, members were advised that the minor capital works and traffic management funding, approved by the previous County Council administration, was limited to a four year period. Those four years are coming to an end and currently there are no resources available to maintain the programme at these levels.

Rather than waiting for the twice annual events, HCC has decided it would be timelier to have member briefing sessions at appropriate times throughout the year on key issues so the workshops have been cancelled.. They consider that this arrangement would make better use of Members' time and will also better utilise the reduced officer resource. Therefore HCC will be determining a programme of briefing sessions for the remainder of this administration.

County Members will be invited to a briefing before the summer break on Highway matters.

The fundamental point is that with no funding the small local traffic improvement schemes are now at an end.

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