

Meeting of the Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee

Monday 27th November, 2023 at 6.00pm
In Committee Room 2, The Council House, Priory Road,
Dudley

Agenda – Public Session **(Meeting open to the public and press)**

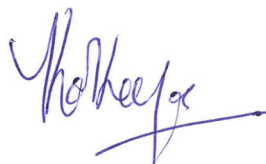
1. Apologies for absence
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct
4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September, 2023 as a correct record (Pages 4 – 15)
5. Public Forum
6. The Environment Highways Group – Ways of Working / Work Programmes Presentation (Pages 16 – 37)
7. Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee Progress Tracker and Future Business (Pages 38 – 39)
8. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8)

Distribution:

Councillor E Lawrence (Chair)

Councillor P Miller (Vice-Chair)

Councillors D Borley, K Casey, K Denning, P Dobb, P Drake, I Kettle, A Lees, J Martin and K Westwood.



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Minutes of the Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee

Thursday, 21st September, 2023 at 6.00 pm
In Committee Room 2, The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

Present:

Councillor P Miller (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
Councillors D Borley, K Casey, K Denning, P Dobb, I Kettle and J Martin.

Dudley MBC Officers:

N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery), J Deakin (Head of Waste and Fleet Operations), S Edwards (Project Manager) and K Taylor (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Also in Attendance:

Councillor D Corfield (Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services)

9 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors E Lawrence and A Lees.

10 Appointment of Substitute Member

There were no substitute Members appointed for this meeting of the Committee.

11 **Declarations of Interest**

No member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

12 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August, 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed.

13 **Public Forum**

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

14 **Transport Fleet Services**

A report of the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery was submitted on an update on the Council's Fleet Service and the future options for its fleet management responsibilities, commensurate with the Council's financial and environmental policy objectives.

In presenting the report submitted through presentation slides, the Head of Waste and Fleet Operations outlined the current vehicle replacement programme and advised that the existing fleet had been previously purchased outright and the vehicles and associated equipment were maintained inhouse at the workshops located at Lister Road Depot. Dudley's fleet operations currently provided a comprehensive vehicle fleet for all aspects of Council services, which included a diverse range of vehicles that were dependent on Diesel fuel as a single energy source.

It was noted that the current fleet replacement strategy was to maximise the service life of the vehicles in order to retain front line functions with a replacement cycle of 7 to 10 years, however, it was acknowledged that a new effective fleet strategy and vehicle replacement programme was needed. It was confirmed, however, that the replacement programme had slowed down further, as a result of the pandemic, impending legislation, production slow-down and fuel options consideration.

Members were advised of the departments commitment in providing the right vehicles and plant to ensure employees could undertake their jobs effectively in a safe, compliant, and sustainable way, whilst considering Dudley's ambition in becoming a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030.

The Project Manager then provided an update on the trials undertaken of electric vehicles for waste collection covering multiple rounds throughout a week to establish capacity and allow operatives to trial the new technologies. The 26 Tonne Mercedes Chassis was powered by five batteries, which were charged overnight at Lister Road Depot, and were found to be able to complete more service duty-cycles resulting in more waste collected, and returning to the depot with 30% battery life remaining. It was noted that a manufacturer warranty of seven years would be awarded with each vehicle, upon which the vehicle would be replaced for a second time for a further seven years.

The Head of Waste and Fleet Operations reported that a number of considerations would be undertaken in developing a clear Fleet Strategy including how the Council would procure vehicles ensuring not to over purchase and reviewing service operations to identify alternative ways of working to reduce fleet numbers. It was noted that work had already taken place in reducing the size of the fleet with over 30 underutilised vehicles removed from the fleet over the last 18 months.

It was noted that an operational review was ongoing which included identifying alternative models in particular in relation to waste collection and the most effective shift patterns and service duty-cycles moving forward. In considering alternative fuels, the current infrastructure at Lister Road Depot would need to be reviewed in order to allow the Council to generate more energy and become self-sufficient.

The Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery referred to the wider areas with regard to fleet including climate change and new ways of working. He reported on the departments ambition as a leading authority and marker for the Black Country which he anticipated would significantly support future funding bids. The significant culture change that was required was acknowledged, however, the opportunities available would be transformational. In order to drive the project forward would require big plans and decisions being made but the expected rewards would off-set the work needed.

Following the presentation of the report, Members had the opportunity to ask questions make comments and responses were provided, where necessary, as follows:-

- a) Councillor D Borley, although supporting the comments made, suggested that a balanced and managed approach was needed during the proposed cross-over of diesel fuelled fleet vehicles, and emphasised the need to retain the current weekly waste collection in Dudley.
- b) Councillor D Borley referred to the electric vehicles that had been tested and queried whether they were sufficient to carry out existing service duty-cycles using a single power source only. He also queried whether damage could be caused to vehicles or highways as a result of the poor condition of some roads within the Borough and whether a budget had been allocated for such repairs.

In responding, the Project Manager confirmed that the vehicles tested were Euro 6 compliant operating a rear-steer chassis, allowing a smaller turning circle significantly improving steering and reducing risk of damage. During the trials, the vehicles were carrying a full load of waste averaging on 150% more than normal collection.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services confirmed that the new vehicles and the extra weight would not impact on roads and anticipated that a saving of £1million could be made negating the need for replacement tyres in addition to £1.8m fuel savings.

- c) The Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery stated that during the trials, vehicles were tested excessively and emphasised that providing a more robust and efficient service to residents was a vital element to the proposals. It was noted that the replacement programme would be undertaken by a phased approach.
- d) The Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services reiterated the priority in providing a service to residents whilst being mindful of the Council's commitment to becoming a Carbon Neutral Council by 2030 alongside the continuing increase in the number of housing developments. The trials undertaken had demonstrated that the electric vehicles had significantly performed more efficiently than the current diesel vehicle.

- e) The Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services referred to the Council's award winning recognition in producing enough electricity to power 11,000 homes, and shared his future aspirations for Dudley as a self-efficient local authority processing its own waste with the ability of becoming a traded service to neighbouring authorities.
- f) Further to comments made with regard to hydrogen fuel, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services referred to the energy from waste generated from the Lister Road Depot where it was acknowledged that steam and heat produced from the Incinerator could be converted to green waste energy. However, this would be a long process to implement with the right infrastructure needed. He shared his ambition for the fleet to include both green energy and electric fuelled vehicles, and for Dudley Council to be a benchmark for other authorities in this area. Reference was also made to the positivity expressed by the West Midlands Combined Authority with regard to the green energy agenda.
- g) Councillor K Denning suggested that the current infrastructure at the Lister Road Depot was not sufficient to store and maintain the charging equipment required to support an electric fleet.

In responding, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services reported that the vehicles tested did have charging facility on board. A higher probability of securing funding to upgrade the sub-station through the upcycling vehicles scheme was mentioned.

- h) Councillor K Denning referred to the installation of solar panels and queried whether there was sufficient space available at Lister Road or whether the use of Solar Farms would be more beneficial.

In responding, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery confirmed that resources were being reviewed, however, it was considered that there was sufficient roof space at Lister Road to support solar panels. He stated that there was potential for the Energy from Waste plant at Lister Road to provide electricity for Electric Vehicle charging points and solar canopies, therefore it was anticipated that Solar Farms would not be needed.

- i) The Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services encouraged all Members to visit the facilities at Lister Road and confirmed that the structure of the plant emulated a combustion filter and suggested that low emissions would still be achieved. It was hoped that an additional turbine would be implemented using available funding with the possibility of charging other Councils to process their waste in order to generate income and produce more energy for residential use.
- j) Reference was made to the significant changes in vehicle maintenance, and it was confirmed that training would be available to employees operating specialist equipment. The opportunity to provide an advanced, efficient and effective service to the Borough and residents was paramount.
- k) In responding to a question raised by Councillor D Borley in relation to implementation timelines, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery anticipated a small number of electric fleet vehicles to be in operation within 12 months.
- l) Councillor K Casey commented positively on the discussions surrounding use of electric and hydrogen fuelled vehicles and suggested that bold steps were needed to progress in this area further, whilst capitalizing on facilities at Lister Road, and that flexibility should be maintained throughout the process. Reference was made to other Councils that were introducing sizeable electric vehicle infrastructures and vehicles into their fleets, with Nottingham leading the way, and whether the Council had contacted those authorities to assist in the delivery moving forward.

In responding, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery concurred with comments made and although accepting that other authorities had introduced electric fleets, it was an opportunity for Dudley to consider best practice and lessons learned. Members were assured that once an understanding of the plan and options based on existing infrastructure was confirmed, the implementation of the programme would be accelerated.

- m) It was anticipated that the Fleet Strategy and Decarbonisation Manager would be in position by the end of 2023, with responsibility for issuing and awarding contracts, reviewing and setting up administration systems as well as business development. In order to break down silos working it was envisaged that due to the nature of the role, work would cross-over in a number of departments as part of the future strategy.
- n) In responding to questions raised by Councillor I Kettle, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery confirmed that service operations were also provided to other internal departments within the Council. It was also acknowledged that significant investment was needed at Lister Road to support the proposals, however there was a number of opportunities that would be considered moving forward.
- o) Councillor J Martin welcomed the positivity and knowledge demonstrated by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services, and queried the resilience of the electric vehicles during the trial period.

In responding, the Project Manager confirmed that extensive testing had been undertaken and longer shifts programmed to determine the resilience of the vehicles. It was reiterated that a manufacturer warranty of seven years would be awarded with each vehicle, upon which the vehicle would be replaced for a second time for a further seven years.

- p) Following comments made with regard to incinerating waste from other authorities, Councillor J Martin queried how low Carbon emissions could be maintained as a result of an increase of large vehicles entering into the Borough.

In responding, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery recognised the difficulties in achieving net zero Carbon emissions and emphasised that the plans proposed would enable Dudley to become the leading authority across the Black Country and wider region. It was noted that the Decarbonisation and Energy Strategy would be considered and reflect the proposals accordingly.

- q) In responding to a further question raised by Councillor J Martin, the Head of Waste and Fleet Operations referred to the Government's recent announcement in deferring the introduction of Consistency in Collections. This will now be replaced by the introduction of the new Simpler Recycling. The full details of this was still to be announced. This will need to be considered along with mandatory food-waste measures in any future proposed waste collection models.
- r) Councillor J Martin sought clarification as to whether a reduction in the existing weekly residential waste collections would be considered, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services referred to a natural reduction as a result of implementing effective and efficient services together with promotional activities highlighting the importance of recycling. It was emphasised, however, that the purpose in upcycling and testing vehicles and reviewing working processes was to provide a more efficient and reliable service. It was envisaged that within 18 months, the fleet would include up to 4 upcycled vehicles, however it was essential that correct processes, including Procurement, were undertaken.
- s) In responding to a question raised by the Chair with regard to the size of the electric vehicles and whether this would create difficulty for operatives navigating through narrow streets, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services confirmed that due to the vehicles operating twin-steer, this offered robust steering, better weight distribution and improved turn stability.

The Chair thanked the Officers and Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services for the informative discussions and commended the work involved.

Resolved

That the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, on an update on the Council's Fleet Service and the future options for its fleet management responsibilities, commensurate with the Council's financial and environmental policy objectives, be noted.

A report of the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery was submitted on the Quarter 1 Corporate Quarterly Performance report of the 2023/24 financial year covering the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th June, 2023, which was aligned to the new 3-year Council Plan. Further data relating to the directorate service delivery was included as appendices to the report submitted, focusing on the Environment Directorate.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions make comments and responses were provided, where necessary, as follows:-

- a) Councillor K Casey referred to PI.324 – No. incidents of fly-tipping in particular the continual increase since Quarter 1 of the previous year and that the number of fly-tipping enforcement actions were low in comparison, and therefore queried whether there was a predominate factor for this and what measures the Council could implement to deter fly-tipping.

In responding, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery agreed with the comments made however assured Members that the issues surrounding fly-tipping was a national issue. It was also suggested that following a change in data reporting, the numbers would be significantly different to those presented previously. Reference was made to the comprehensive work undertaken by Enforcement Officers, which would be strengthened by the recruitment of an additional three officers. Reference was also made to Dudley's 'You've Been Shamed' campaign on the Dudley Council website displaying images collected from Closed-Circuit Television systems of fly-tipping perpetrators.

- b) In responding to a question raised by Councillor K Casey in relation to PI. 1498 % household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (NI 192) and the inconsistency of the figures; the Head of Waste and Fleet Operations confirmed that as green waste was weather dependent, this would impact data. The uncertainty surrounding the collection of dry recycling was mentioned however Members were assured that collections had not been missed.
- c) It was noted that officers had written to the Government with regard to funding pending confirmation of the introduction of mandatory food-waste collections and the publication of the Government's Waste Strategy.

- d) Councillor I Kettle commented positively on the improved service at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre in Stourbridge and queried whether additional promotional campaigns could be undertaken to highlight available appointments and the service provided.

In responding, the Head of Waste and Fleet Operations referred in particular to the number of no shows to the site and acknowledged that further work was needed to promote and encourage users to cancel bookings if no longer needed in order for the slots to be released. Further discussions will be held with the Communications and Public Affairs Department to improve social media promotion.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services also commented on the monthly publications updating residents on current news and announcements. It was also noted that the number of available appointments at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre had been increased in order to accommodate demand.

- e) In responding to a question raised by Councillor J Martin, the Head of Waste and Fleet Operations confirmed that Dudley was working in partnership with Textek to offer residents a service for the collection and recycling of waste goods and materials, including mattresses. It was noted that items such as mattresses that were disposed at the Stourbridge Site were deposited in landfill.
- f) It was recognised that further work was needed to promote and improve recycling from properties that had been issued with communal waste bins.
- g) In responding to a question raised by Councillor D Borley, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery confirmed that road gritting vehicles had been prepared in advance of the winter period, with grit bins regularly checked and restocked when necessary. Issues with gritting and snow clearance could be reported on the Dudley Council website.

- h) In responding to a question raised by Councillor K Denning in relation to confirmed timescales for the replacement of all street lighting to light-emitting diodes (LED), the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery referred to the three-year replacement programme and confirmed that 25% of lighting had been replaced to date. Members were assured that the programme was on track to be delivered by 2026.
- i) With regard to street signs and bollards, it was noted that a contractor had been appointed to replace LED's together with a review to ensure that there was sufficient lighting throughout the Borough where needed. An internal review had also been requested in relation to illuminate signage and reflective bollards throughout the Borough which was expected to be completed by 2026. Due to the fluctuating electricity costs, it was difficult to determine the amount of savings accumulated, however it was expected that significant savings could be achieved.
- j) In responding to a request by Councillor K Denning, the Acting Service Director – Neighbour Delivery undertook to categorise figures in relation to fly-tipping into areas for future reporting.

Resolved

- (1) That the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, on the Quarter 1 Corporate Quarterly Performance report of the 2023/24 financial year covering the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th June, 2023, be noted.
- (2) That figures in relation to fly-tipping be categorised into areas in future reports.

16 Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee Progress Tracker and Future Business

Resolved

That the Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee Progress Tracker and Future Business, as outlined in the report, be noted.

17 Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8

There were no questions to the Chair pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

18 **Comments of the Chair**

The Chair thanked all Members and Officers for attending and the information presented and constructive discussions and contributions made during the meeting.

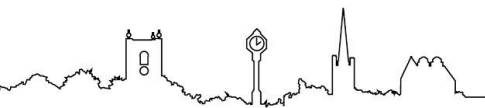
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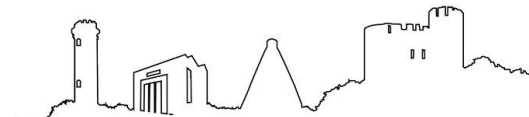
The Environment Highways Group

Ways of Working / Work Programmes

Nick McGurk – Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery
Simon Hunt – Highways Group Manager



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A Brief History of Highways at Dudley MBC

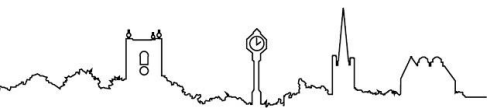
December 2022 – Highway functions split across three areas

Capital – Structural Maintenance, Lining, Safety Barriers – **Medium / Long Term**

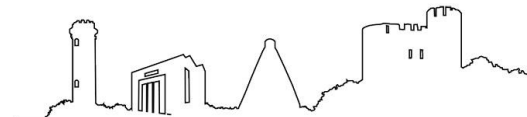
Maintenance – Street Works, Reactive Potholes, Inspections – **Short Term**

Street Lighting – Situated in Green Care

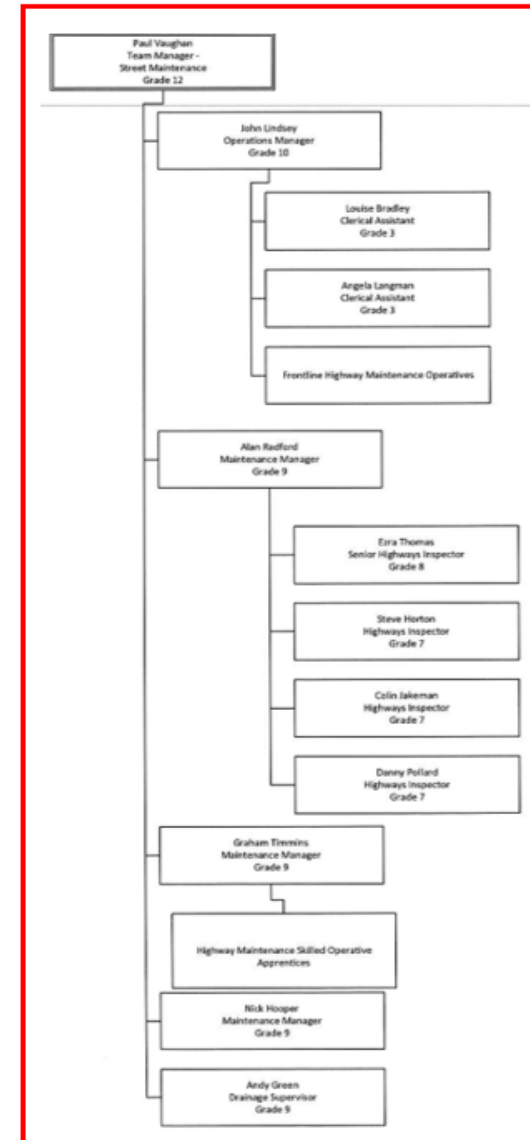
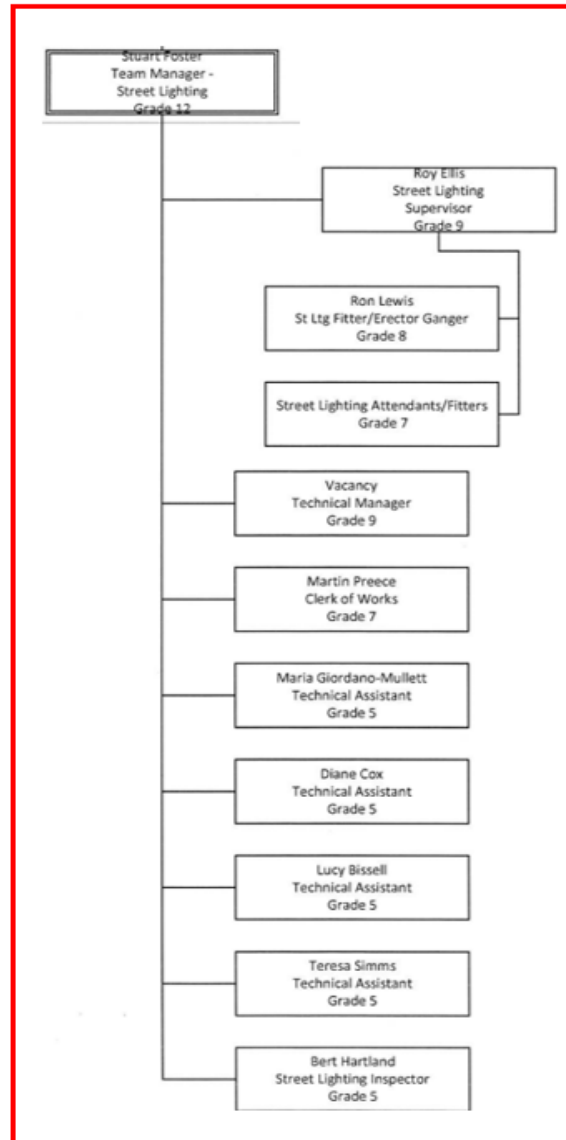
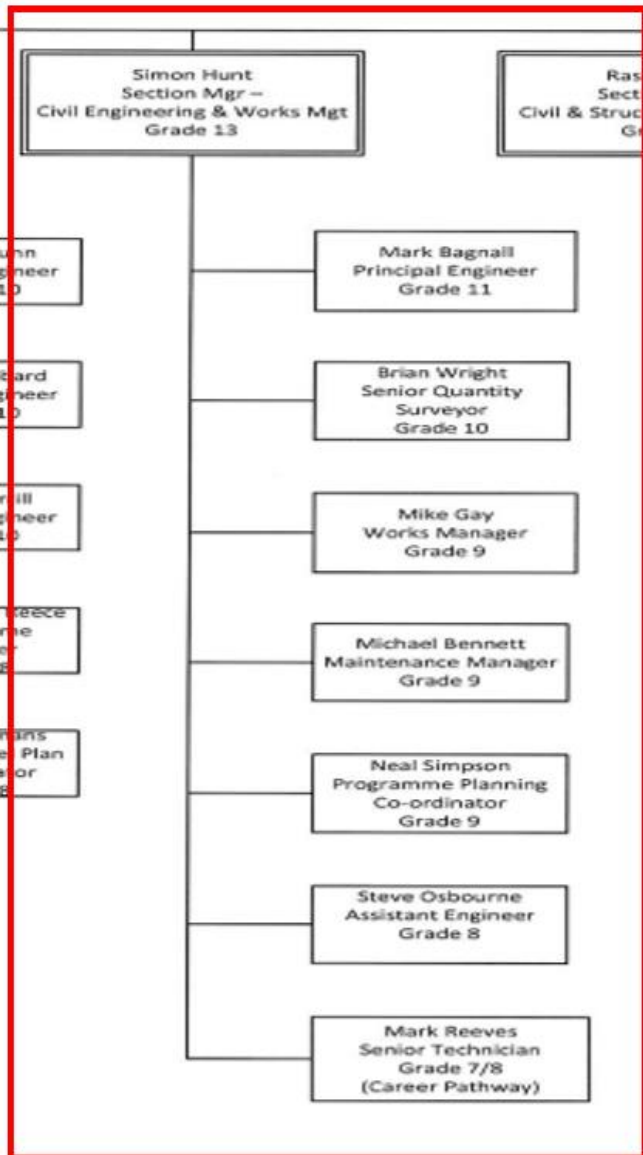
- Four separate Highway Managers covering individual areas
- Finances split across the network to fit the ways of working
- Decisions made in three areas
- Quantity over quality – Short Term – Long Term Vision



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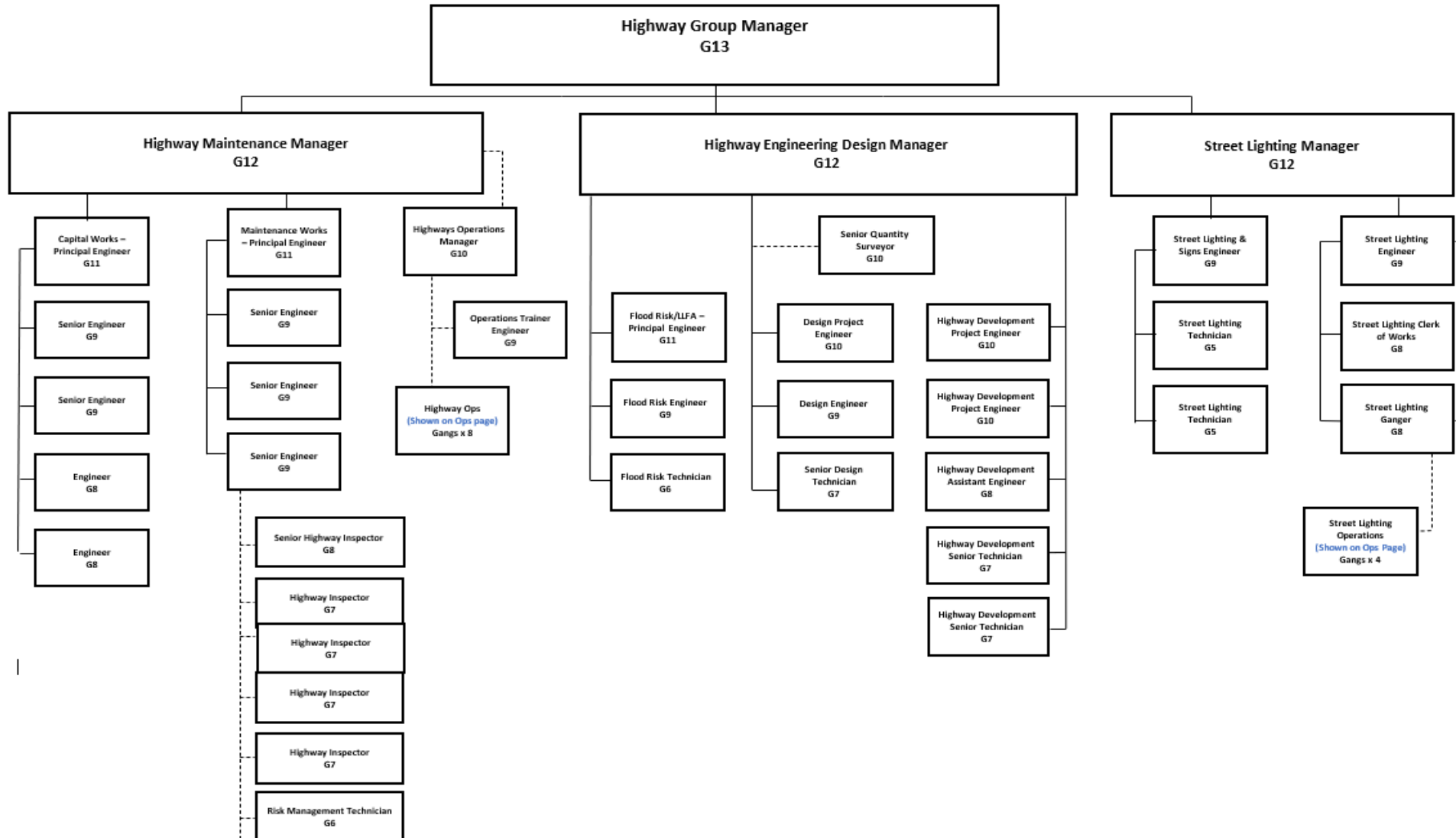


A Brief History of Highways at Dudley MBC



The Future of Highways at Dudley MBC

Environment Directorate Highway Group



The Next 5 Years



Where Do We Want to Be In 5 Years?

Medium / Long Term Work Programmes (5/6 years)
Fully understand all Highway assets
Performance driven / operationally efficient
Innovation to maximise results

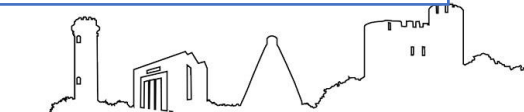
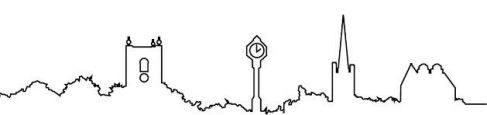
What Do We Need To Do To Get There?

A holistic medium / long term vision for our Highways
Political support towards a sustainable approach to roads
Digital enhancement through initial investment
Real time comms (we need to be front and centre)



What Are The Outcomes?

Visible & tangible differences for residents and users of the Highway
Operationally efficient workforce, digitally enhanced
Enhanced reputation / motivated workforce



What are we Doing Differently?

Road Hierarchy

- Introduction of the Road Hierarchy review, categorising a highways importance to the borough from 1-7, 1 being the highest importance

Medium/Long Term Planning

- 5-6 year reconstruction programme to Classified and Unclassified highways based on the hierarchy review criteria

Performance Monitoring

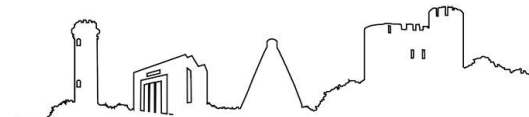
- Workmanship warranted for 5 years using high quality materials to extend the life of the highway / setting targets

Highway Structural Patching

- Annual programme of structural patching to areas in excess of 200m2 and based on the hierarchy review criteria

Reactive Structural Maintenance

- Reactive structural maintenance of individual or groups of highway defects to a high quality specification to prevent repeat occurrence



Classified Roads

Abbey Road
Blowers Green Road
Bridgnorth Road
Cinder Bank Phase One
Cinder Road/Stallings Lane
Daisy Street/Harding Street
Delph Road
Duncan Edwards Way
Kingswinford Cross
Lye By-pass
St Peters Road
Stallings Lane
Tansey Green Road
Vicarage Road
Wolverhampton Street

Highways Work Programmes

Surface Dressing Treatment

Manor Abbey Road
Chad Road

Footway Reconstruction

Gilbanks Road
Reddens Road
Denise Drive
Slims Gate
Spring Meadow Road
Monument Lane
Roundhouse Road
Selbourne Road
Witley Avenue

Thin Surfacing

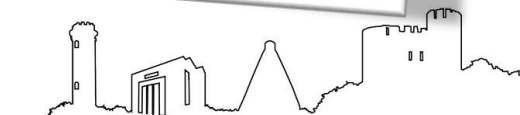
Denise Dive
Leonard Road
Malpass Road
Moorfield Drive
Pedmore Hall Lane
Portsdown Road

Disabled Crossings

Rumbow
Church Lane
Birmingham Road
Mucklow Hill
Howley Grange
Road
Goodrest Avenue
Frankley Avenue
Moat Drive

Unclassified Roads

Bayer Street
Beech Road
Bush Road
Cherry Orchard Avenue
Culmore Road/Douglas Road
Dingle Close
Forge Road
Green Park Road
Greenfels Rise
Holland Street
Keats Drive/Dickens Road
Larch Road
Lower High Street
Madeley Road
Northway
Oldfield Road
Paul Street
Prescot Road
Queens Crescent
Shedden Street
Stepping Stones
Vicarage Road
Watts Close
Westminster Road
Woodland Grove



Micro Surface Treatment

Beacon Rise
Belgrave Road
Crystal Avenue
Grove Avenue
Lyndale Road
Monument Lane
Old Barn Road
Priory Lane
Roman Road
Slimsgate
Springfield Grove
St James Terrace

High Friction Surfacing Repairs

Bromley Lane
Oakham Road

Hot Rolled Asphalt Repairs

Grange Hill
Wollescote Road

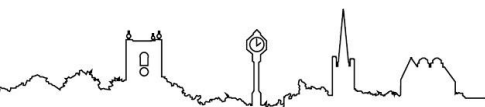
Highways Work Programmes

Gully Programme

Total No Cleaned	12464	57%
Priority	4431	59.87%
Non-Priority Critical	1553	46.90%
Super Critical	241	80.87%
Zone D	1131	47.98%
Zone E	0	0%
Zone G	1871	46.88%
Zone H	2061	67.66%

Structural Patching

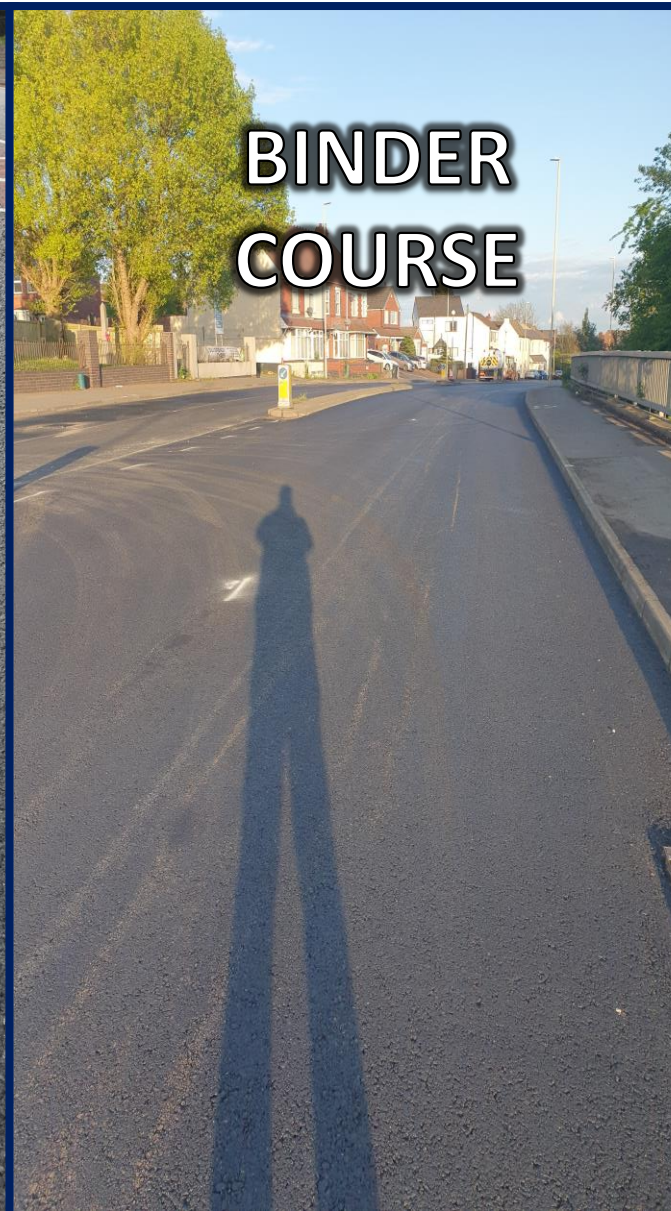
Foster Street East (Bus Station)
Earlsway Island
Hawne Lane
High Street
Mill Bank
Russells Hall Road
Stourbridge Road/Highgate Road/Pensnett Road
Alexandra Road
Auckland Road
High Holborn
High Park Avenue
Level Street/Pedmore Road/Hurst Lane Junction
Oak Park Road
Parkfield Road
Summer Lane
Swan Lane
Wollescote Road
Timmis Road
Wolverhampton Road Island



Delph Road, Brierley Hill



Cinder Bank, Netherton



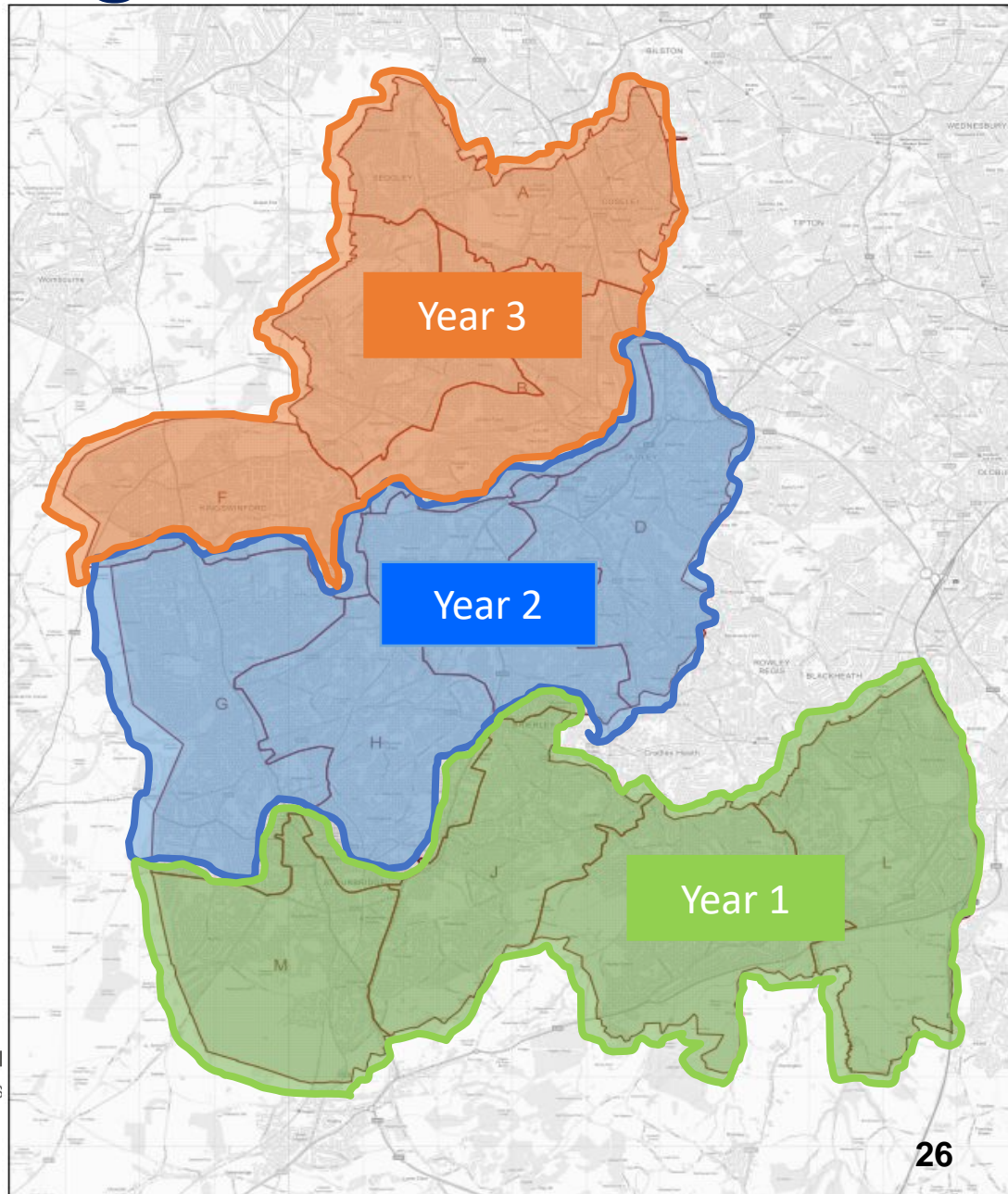
Gully Zonal Mapping

Year 1 – Areas L, K, J, M

Year 2 – Areas G, H, E, D

Year 3 – Areas A, B, C, F

Ward	Zones
Sedgley Ward	A,B,C
Amblecote Ward	H,G,M
Brierley Hill Ward	E,H,G
Cradley and Wollescote Ward	K,J
Lye and Stourbridge North Ward	J,H,G,M
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood Ward	D,E,J,H
Belle Vale Ward	K,J,L
Halesowen South Ward	K,L
Halesowen North Ward	L
Kingswinford South Ward	F,G
Brockmoor and Pensnett Ward	E,B,F,C,H,G
Kingswinford North and Wall Heath Ward	F,C,G
Gornal Ward	B,C
Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews Ward	D,E
St. Thomas's Ward	D,E
Castle and Priory Ward	A,D,B,C
Coseley East Ward	A
Norton Ward	G,M
Pedmore and Stourbridge East Ward	J,H,M
Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Ward	H,G,M
Wordsley Ward	H,G
Hayley Green and Cradley South Ward	K,J
St. James's Ward	D,E,B,C
Upper Gornal and Woodsetton Ward	A,B,C



Gully Program

2022/2023 (Year 1)

22/23 Classified
Roads 7401
completed 7401

22/23 Critical
Locations
3600 completed
3454

22/23 Unclassified
Zones
8684 completed
8679

2023/2024 (Year 2)

23/24 Classified
Roads 7401
completed 4431

23/24 Critical
Locations
3600 completed
1794

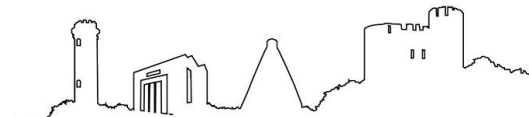
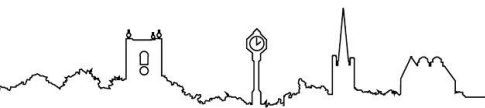
23/24 Unclassified
Zones
10,991 completed
5063

2024/2025 (Year 3)

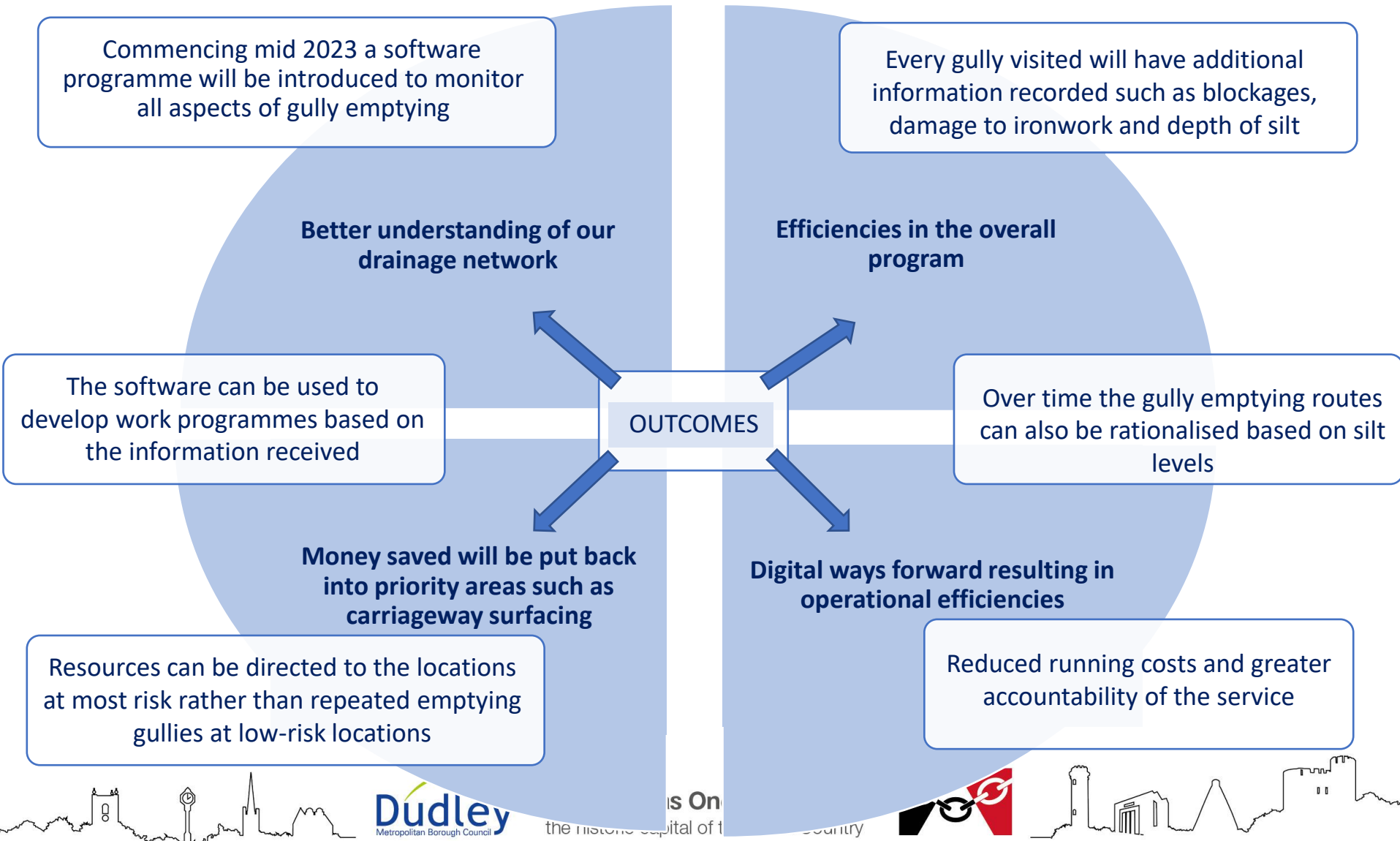
23/24 Classified
Roads 7401
completed 0

23/24
Critical Locations
3600 completed 0

23/24 Unclassified
Zones
11000 completed
0



Gully Programme (KaarbonTech)



2022/23 – Lining Programme

Do You Know?

- All schools across Dudley have had the lining outside the school refreshed.
- 63 schools had school keep clears, double yellows & hatching
- 90% of the Boroughs Zebra crossings refreshed

2023/24 – Update

- Centre Line's refreshed – 49.419km
- Zig Zags, Ped Crossings refreshed – 1545ms
- Hatching in Fill refreshed – 1227m



2023/24 – Lining / Guardrail & VRS Program



All Pedestrian Crossings



Major junctions, islands and roundabouts refresh of lines and arrows



Town centres and local centres refresh of all TRO lining



Re-fresh of all Safer Routes to School and Local Safety Schemes



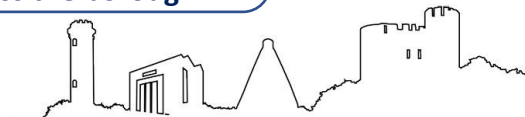
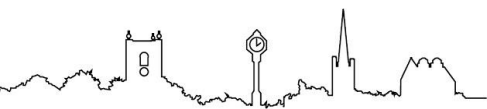
Continue with the refresh programme of Classified Roads



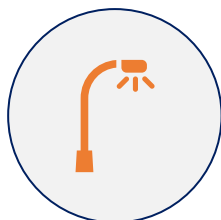
Replacement of damaged guard railing



Continue with the repair programme of Vehicle Restraint Systems across the borough



Street Lighting – Phase 2 LED Program



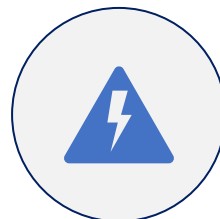
August 2023 – Commence a
3 year program to replace
24,000 street lights



Targeted 10,000
replacements per year



Re-design of streets where
required to ensure
appropriate lighting levels



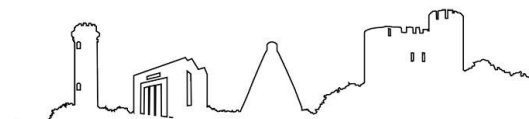
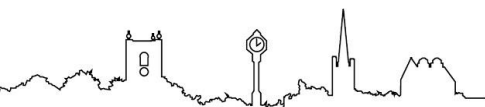
Electrical testing on all
those replaced by LED's



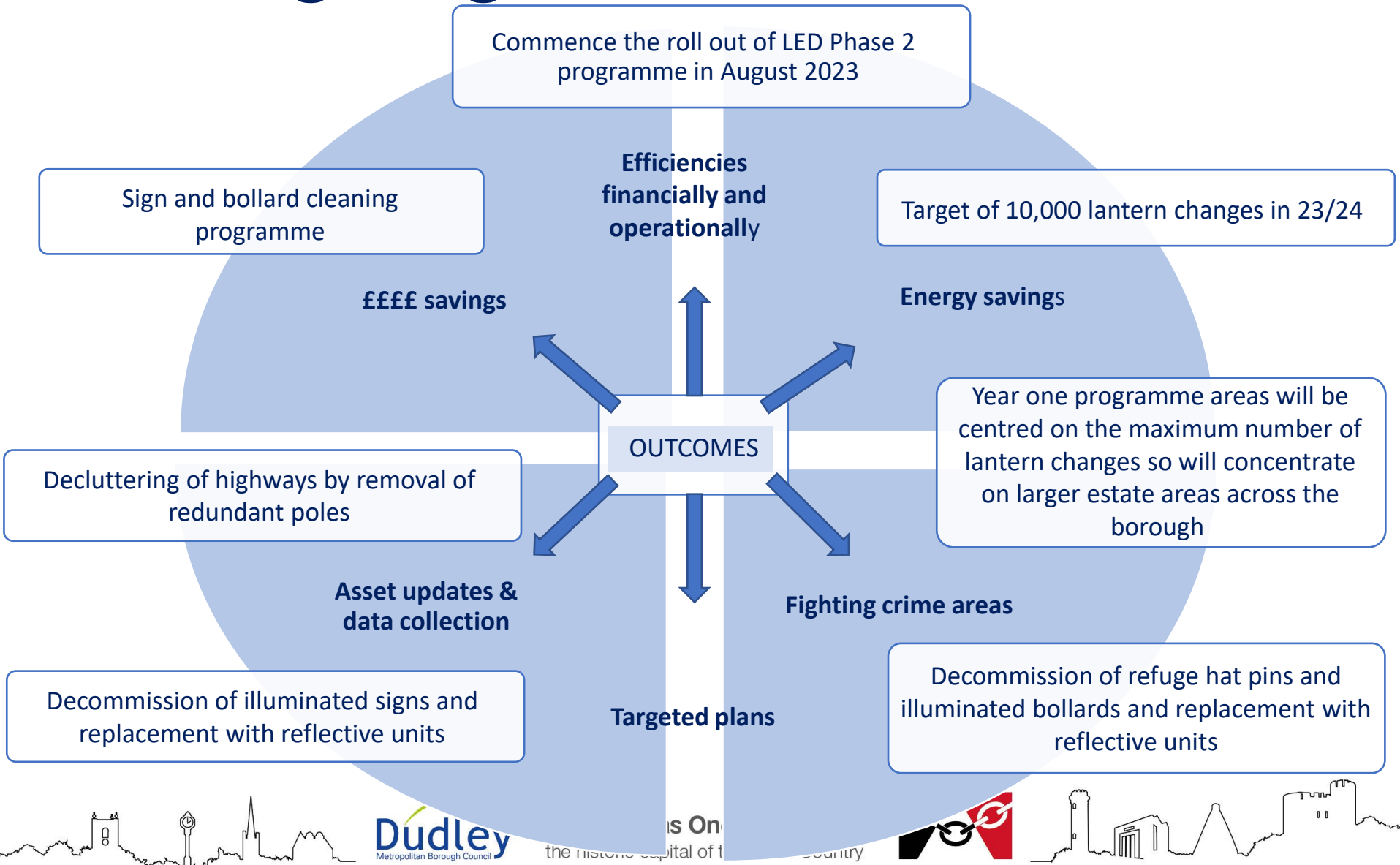
Repairs and maintenance
programmes to de-clutter
and de-illuminate old signs



Warranted for 10 years plus



Street Lighting



Street Signs



Welcome Signs



Tourism Signs



Regulatory Signs



Advanced Directional Signs



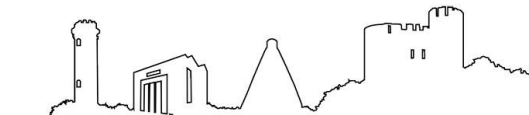
Invisible Signs



Dirty / Broken Signs



Incorrect Signs



Comms / Public Perception

Dudley Council @dudleymbc · 22 May
 🚧 **TRAFFIC:** St Peter's Road in [Netherton](#) will be one-way heading southbound towards Cradley from Wednesday 24 May until Friday 26 May between 9.30am and 3.30pm.
 This is while carriageway resurfacing is taking place.
 More traffic info 📍 [dudley.gov.uk/media-centre/c...](#)



Highways Dashboard (Real Time Information)

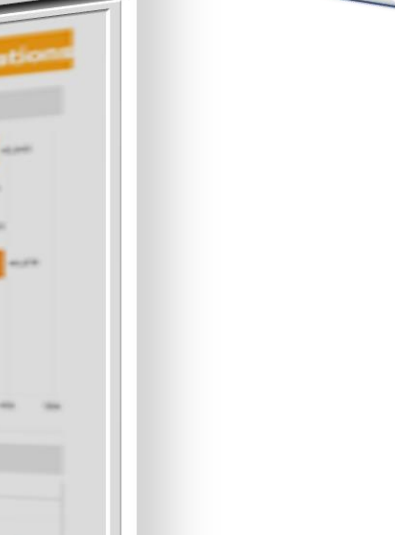


Dudley Council @dudleymbc · 26 May
 We've had 324 pothole reports in May so far and highways bosses have vowed to "get tough" with road defects. WATCH the video or read the details here 📍 [dudley.gov.uk/news/get-tough...](#)

Dudley Council @dudleymbc · 24 May
 Cllr Damian Corfield, cabinet member responsible for highways, outlines how we deal with resurfacing and inspects the new surface in Delph Road #BrierleyHill You can report potholes and defects to us here [dudley.gov.uk/residents/park...](#)



Dudley Council @dudleymbc · 26 May
 We've sorted an issue with drainage in Wellington Road #Dudley Here's our cabinet member Cllr Damian Corfield to explain.



Dudley Council @dudleymbc · 22h
 Woodfield Road, Lower Gornal will be closed to traffic, from Thursday 8 until Sunday 11 June between 8am and 4pm each day in order to safely make a new sewer connection [dudley.gov.uk/media-centre/c...](#)



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The Last 5 Years

Poor and little understanding of Highway Assets

Capital programmes based on Highway inspections and perceived need

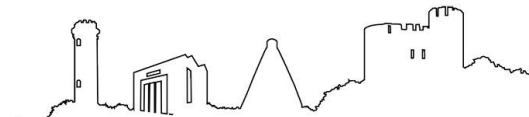
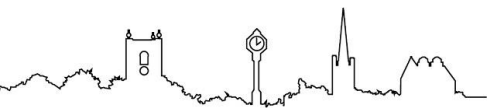
**Revenue budgets directed towards reactive not programmed work
(chasing our tail)**

Low quality and high volume reactive based works (Short Term Fix)

Poor workmanship through poor performance monitoring

No long-term strategy for roads and footpaths

Work programs carried out under the radar



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Questions?

Transport & Highways Highlights

Highway Resurfacing

No: Classified – 12 Unclassified - 18
Wards:

St Thomas
N/W & St A
Brierley Hill
Castle & Priory
St Thomas & N/W & St A
Woll & Stourbridge Town
Dudley
Lye
Wollaston
Coseley
Coseley
Kingswinford

Coseley
Dudley
Dudley
Coseley
Stourbridge
Tipton
Halesowen
Halesowen
Wollaston
Kates Hill
Stourbridge
Sedgley
Halesowen
Halesowen
Kingswinford
Coseley
Oldwinford

Locations:

Blowers Green Rd
Cinder Bank
Delph Rd
Duncan Edwards Way
St Peters Rd
Vicarage Rd
Wolverhampton Street
Lye By Pass
Bridgnorth Road
Daisy Street
Harding Street
Stellings Lane

Bayer Street Beech Road Holland Street
Keats Drive/Dickens Rd Stepping Stones
Watts Close
Portdown Road
Timmis Road
Cherry Orchard Ave
Forge Road
Griffiths Rise
Lower High Street
Northway
Culmore Road
Douglas Road
Madeley Road
Paul Street
Prescot Road

Footway Works

No: 29,220m2
Slurry Seal Reconstruction

Greenfields Rd
Melrose Ave
Balfour Rd
Heath St
Lapwood Avenue
School Dr
Pleasant Close
Perivale W
Markham Drive
Summer St
Manderville Grds
The Parkld
Wollaston Rd
Trehemes Drive

Slims Gate
Witley Avenue
Denise Drive
Gilbanks Road
Raddens Road
Spring Meadow Road
Monument Lane
Roundhouse Road
Selbourne Road

Reactive Maintenance (potholes)

Reactive Structural Patching at locations around the borough - **7671m2**

Street Lighting LED Program

24000
22000
20000
18000
16000
14000
10000
8000
6000
3000

2001 – by the end of October
915 – by end of September 2023

* TENDERS RECEIVED*

* CONTRACT SIGNED JULY 23*

* WORK ONSITE COMMENCES AUGUST 23*

Structural Patching

No: 8243m2

Locations:

Alexandra Road, Halesowen (1060.00 m2)
-
Wollescote Road, Wollescote (1685.00 m2)
-
High Holborn, Sedgley (266.34 m2)
-
Auckland Road, Wordsley (273.00 m2)
-
Swan Lane, Wordsley (309.19 m2)
-
Bromley Lane, Kingswinford (221.00 m2)
-
Grange Hill, Halesowen (844.40 m2)
-
Oakham Road, Dudley (1120.00 m2)
-
Kingswinford Cross, Kingswinford (826.00 m2)
-
Earls Way Island, Halesowen (193.00m2)
-
Mill Bank, Sedgley (811.38m2)
-
Oak Park Road, Wordsley (635.00m2)

Gully Programme

Total No Cleaned:	12464	57%
Priority:	4431	59%
Non-Priority Critical:	1553	46%
Super Critical:	241	80%
Zone D:	1131	47%
Zone E:	0	0%
Zone G:	1871	46%
Zone H:	2061	67%

Lining Programme

Centre Line – 49.419km
Zig Zags, Ped Crossings – 1545ms
Kerb Blips – 105
Dragons Teeth – 308
Hatching in Fill – 1227m
Chinese Red Anti Skid – 434ms

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Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee

Progress Tracker

Subject (Date of Meeting)	Recommendation/action	Responsible Officer/Area	Status/Notes
Developing the Neighbourhood Approach (2 nd August, 2023)	Resolution (2) - That a further progress report be submitted to the Highways and Environmental Services Select Committee before the end of the 2023/24 municipal year.	Chair / Vice-Chair / N McGurk / Democratic Services	To be scheduled (ongoing)
Quarterly Performance Report 2023-24 – Quarter 1 (21 st September, 2023)	Resolution (2) - That figures in relation to fly-tipping be categorised into areas in future reports.	N McGurk / N Toor	Noted. (Completed)

Future Business 2023/24

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Work Programme</u>	<u>Responsible Officer/Area</u>
4 th January, 2024	Dudley Transport Plan	N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery) N Lissimore (Transport Strategy Manager)
	Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter 3	N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery)
	Medium Term Financial Strategy	I Newman (Director of Finance and Legal)
21 st March, 2024	Annual Report 2023/24 and potential items of business for 2024/25	Democratic Services
	Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter 2	N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery)
TBA	Delivering the Neighbourhood Approach Update	N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery)
TBA	Dudley Borough Parking	N McGurk (Acting Service Director – Neighbourhood Delivery)