

CABINET – 16 DECEMBER 2014

Note of the Meeting of the Performance Scrutiny Committee held on 3 November 2014

1. At their meeting on 3 November 2014 the Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the decision of the Cabinet Member for Environment made on 9 October 2014 following proper notice of a call in.
2. The Committee AGREED, by a majority vote to refer the decision back to Cabinet on the grounds of the following material concerns:
 - a. that neither the officer's report nor the Cabinet Member's decision appeared to be based on the Department of Transport Guidance into the assessment of pedestrian crossing sites; and
 - b. the Cabinet Member did not take due account of the impact of the changes on the wider local traffic network.

Summary of the Material Concerns

3. During discussion Members considered that the guidance set down a process for consideration of crossings and that the starting point is the proper assessment of the safest place to put a crossing. A key element is the desire line for people using the crossing. The Committee acknowledged that some Guidance was referred to by officers but not that relating specifically to pedestrian crossings.
4. Members considered the point raised that there was no information on the impact of the changes on the wider local traffic network. They heard from officers that no new evidence came up through the process. However the Committee considered that the reason there was no new evidence was because the County Council did not do an assessment. They found that it was unreasonable to expect local residents to do such an assessment and that it was the job of the County Council to assess those wider implications.