

An additional request was made by the Performance Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 February during consideration of the decision by officers in relation to the Headington pipeline.

Members of the Committee expressed concern that local councillors had not been kept informed of the grant of Section 50 licences that resulted in significant road works in their area. In noting that there was protocol on member engagement the Committee requested that this Committee look at the effectiveness of the protocol generally.

The Committee also discussed what constituted a key decision and whether it was right that decisions relating to a major project could be broken down into separate notices and thus not be considered as a key decision. The Committee asked that Audit & Governance Committee request officers to review the definition and interpretation of key decisions.

An amended recommendation is suggested:

The Committee is RECOMMENDED to agree that the Monitoring Officer:

- (a) review the protocol on Member Engagement with regard to petitions and its general effectiveness;***
- (b) include a review of key decisions in the next constitutional review.'***