

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Recommendations from the Regeneration & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 2008**

**Highway Partnership Forums**

The Committee considered a report which had been submitted to Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet, in September 2008, which recommended the proposed revised structure for Highways Partnership Forums for each District within the County.

Members noted that the proposals detailed in the Report had been approved by the County Council Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

Discussion took place on the recommendations proposed in the report with particular emphasis on recommendation 1b, which proposed that District Councils be invited to nominate up to two non-voting representatives.

The following points were noted:

- i) The proposed structure was not in the spirit of partnership working.
- ii) Elected Members should not have to report incidents relating to highways through the hub. They should be able to speak to the relevant officer to ensure concerns raised by their constituents were actioned promptly.
- iii) There were proposals to centralise the telephony service at local hubs to Bridgewater House.
- iv) District Councils would not be represented equally in the proposed new structure.

**Recommended to Cabinet:**

**That the District Council express its regret at the proposed new structure of the Highways Partnership Forum and how it deviates away from the true spirit of partnership working.**

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