

BRIEFING NOTE TITLE: High Impact Gangs

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OBJECTIVE:

To clarify the work of the High Impact Gangs

BACKGROUND

This was raised at the IP Scrutiny January 2017

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:

1. What is the size of the team?
2. What work can they undertake?
3. How do members access the Gangs?

OUTCOME/S:

1. Members have a better understanding of the work of the Gangs
2. The remit is understood
3. How and when to access the Gangs is clear to members.

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RESPONSE:

1. What is the size of the team?

The High Impact Gangs and their role have been described within reports to the Highways Cabinet Panel and within the published Highways Service Guide. The Guide can be accessed via this link

<https://hertsc365.sharepoint.com/sites/search/pages/results.aspx?k=highways%20service%20guide>

2. What work can they undertake?

The regular routine maintenance service is supplemented with four 'High Impact' Gangs, which are 2-man teams, using a transit sized vehicle, equipped with a basic set of tools to deliver basic works.

These teams carry out basic maintenance works along rural routes including:

- Vegetation clearance
- Cleansing activities (signs, bollards, street furniture etc.)
- Straightening/re-erection of signage
- Digging out gullies
- Restoring grips

And in the urban areas include:

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- Cleansing activities (signs, bollards, street furniture etc.)
- Removing fly-posters
- Straightening / re-erection of signage
- Digging out gullies

3. How and when to access the Gangs is clear to members.

These Gangs form part of the Contractor Directed Service and are in addition to, but outside of the member directed HLB services