

SOUTH EAST HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

5. • CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS ARISING FROM MEETING 9th December 2016 - None – IAck to put on SEHAUC website **IAck**

6. HAUC (ENGLAND) Update (DL) & REPORT FROM SEHAUC JOINT WORKING GROUPS (IAck) – see WG minutes.

HAUC(England) Update -

- DL reminded all that the Permit Operational Guidance Document was published on 26th Jan. Training pack will be prepared, to ensure consistent message is sent out, with meeting set for 27/3 & potential roll out of training in April. DL & PL met Andrew Jones with a further meeting set for October to see how roll out went. SEHAUC need to agree who will be attending the train the trainer session.
- Coring Statutory Guidance – is next on the list for the DfT but may be delayed until Autumn. As will be statutory Guidance, then will need to be complied with, and ‘turning a blind eye’ to the document could result in a Court asking why it is not been followed.
- Street Manager Project – Kainos (Consultants) are interested in how people use the ETON systems, and system reporting. Currently visiting noticing & permit authorities at present.
- Ecorys have been commissioned to carry out a Permit review, with a Lane Rental review to be also commissioned. Comments from 7DW taken on board by DfT, and may be looked at within the Permits review & how benefits can be maximised. DL stressed the need for all to give constructive feedback in consultation responses.

Working Group -

- IAck confirmed that no meeting took place.
- S81 – bullet point doc was circulated by IAck. Classified as Dangerous as per HA own safety assessment, and if response not ‘immediate’ then HA reserve the right to carry out works & recharge. Non dangerous will need to be by mutual agreement, where for instance, agreed repair to be completed within 6 weeks. Other points mentioned such as different HA’s following different processes, and Utilities still receiving 20 or so s81’s per month that are not theirs. DC has an example of s81 Court case and will share. JE mentioned the policy of moving away from a regular inspection regime, with focus on a robust risk based risk based inspection. As experts in Utility Apparatus, then Utilities could feed back on receipt of a s81 that it will last for ‘X’ time period. If heavily trafficked road, the higher grade cover could be used, but will need to take into account H&S ramifications of lifting the cover. GSp mentioned that PJ Keary had picked up a number of reinstatement issues with fillet on visiting reported s81’s, as opposed to being a valid s81. IAck will try to encompass these issues within the SEHAUC training pack, for potential event workshops. RC suggested inviting PJK to the event. Any examples of Utility response times to s81’s to be sent to IAck. **DC**
- Road Markings & s74 – JE mentioned that SEJAG need to ensure there is a consistent approach to this, which needs to be H&S driven. JE will not support any money making charges being applied. SEHAUC acknowledge that s74 can be used legally, for example, the mitigated £100 charge can be used if a safety critical line is not replaced (as per HAUC(UK) s74 guidance). JE will take back to SEJAG for clarification of agreement already in place. **All**

**JE/
SEJAG**

SEHAUC Event -

- Date confirmed as 5th September, with venue as Kent Showground, Detling. NE updated that Yotta are now confirmed as a sponsor. PD is looking at 3 workshops which will run twice. Likely to be emotional intelligence, s81, and coring (Strata have been invited). Event will be pitched to a wide range of people.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- NE reported little change to SEHAUC balance since last meeting, with balance still being very healthy. Outgoings for the Event and SEHAUC website maintenance.

8. HIGHWAYS ENGLAND REPORT / ISSUES

- No report from Highways England.

9. AGENDA ITEMS & ISSUES TABLED FOR DEBATE

- **Sustainability:** TH mentioned there had been some issues with Surrey CC slurry seal. KO reported that EW had similar issues & a way forward has now been agreed between Surrey CC & SE Water. KO will look into SES Water issue.

KO

- **Sharing Good Practice:** No Report.

Performance: Concerns were raised with the East Sussex Highways coring regime & how all Utilities were experiencing the same problems. Level of coring & understanding the reasons for failure on the certificates are the main issues. Up to 80% of results are challenged, with some challenges being upheld. However, level of coring still remains the same. EW also having issues with refused permits in East Sussex. IACK reported good performance by Southern Water regarding carried out over Christmas on Chilbolton Avenue. Works could have been very potentially disruptive but were superbly carried out with no complaints being received by Hants CC.

- **General Co-ordination issues** – EW requested if no clash of works identified via co-ordination returns, can HA's feed back to the Utility if no issues, therefore not critical for the Utility to attend the meeting (if a long distance to travel). IACK confirmed he was happy with this approach, provided a slide is provided to outline any imminent large scale works.

- **Venues for future meetings:**

- Fri 16th June –Portsmouth Guildhall offices – ML has confirmed this is booked.
- Fri 15th September – SGN Aldershot - DH to check if free. If not, alternative venue to be found
- Fri 8th December – Easthampstead House agreed. WS to book.

DH

WS

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- RHud offered to supply staff for SEHAUC training if required.
- JT mentioned OD batch file issues with Symology, and asked if anyone was having else was having issues?
- JP mentioned that Oxford City Council duration challenging down all works to 3 days (based on an Anglian HAUC document from 10 years ago). PD mentioned that TfL are also doing this. Duration challenge non acceptances are being sent. JE suggested reasoning behind this needs to be given i.e. why this is needed for the HA to meet their Network Management Duty?

Ongoing

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- JP raised an issue where SEPS Authorities were asking for a permit for siting a generator on a verge. KO confirmed they don't necessarily need a permit, but need something (i.e. licence). RC suggested as this is a non registerable activity should be a permit for information purposes only, with no charges associated, which was agreed.
- WS mentioned that his Corporate Centre will apply charges for compounds etc placed on 'green space' (i.e. if verge not public highway). May also get some retrospective charges.
- IAck will re-circulate the old ARM's document for comment before the next meeting.
- TH asked about the Surrey CC out of hours contact for bus stop suspensions. KO will circulate.
- EW asked for clarification whether a defect that covered c/way, footway, verge should be one defect or separate defects. As per the Inspection CoP, should be one defect provided within the 1 inspection unit.
- EW mentioned that RBWM are after full charges for bagging off traffic signals if works are cancelled, and will then chase legally. WS uses Seimans & if they go out & carry out the works costs will be recovered, but if not, will only be the admin fee that is charged. DC mentioned that it should be stipulated upfront that all costs are non refundable for full recharge to happen.
- RC mentioned that Medway Council's Permit Scheme went live mid January, and that a JUG meeting is required to discuss teething issues. PD will remind Medway Council.
- PD met with Court Enforcement Services about removal of vehicles when works are required, and has supplied a few scenarios to find out if Utilities have any legal powers to remove vehicles. PD awaiting feedback. GSp stated that Utilities do not have legal powers, and need to go to the Police to get vehicles removed.

IAck

KO

PD

11. SUBMISSION DATE FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items to be submitted to the Secretary by Fri 2nd June 2017 and Agenda circulated by the Secretary prior to meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Fri 16th June 2017 – Portsmouth City Council