

Economy and Transport Board

19 September 2013

Item 7

Streetworks

Purpose of report

To note.

Summary

At the House of Commons in December 2012, The Chair of the Board, Cllr Peter Box, launched an LGA report 'Holes in Our Pockets – how utility streetworks are damaging local growth'. At the launch of the report, Cllr Box called the major utility companies to a summit so that the issues raised in the report could be addressed.

A Streetworks Summit was held on 14 March and led to the establishment of a Task Force bringing together the utility companies, local government and business groups (the contractors' trade body has joined subsequently). Its purpose is to see how we can work together better to reduce the disruption caused by streetworks and improve the quality of reinstatements.

The Task Force has produced a statement on "what good looks like" and is developing tools to better inform business of streetworks and to see how data can be better shared to drive up contractor performance.

A note of the last meeting is attached for information.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Action

Officers to take actions as directed.

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