



Subject:	Alleygates Phase V
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	This report provides an update on the Alleygate Phase V programme and seeks approval from Members on the terms of reference for any local inquiry should one be required.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the contents of this report and to agree the draft Terms of Reference for a local inquiry attached as Appendix One.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Strategic Director presented a report to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in November 2023 on Phase 5 of the Alleygates programme. After discussion, the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. agreed to proceed with the publication of a Gating Order for the installation of gates in those streets where the threshold for responses to the consultation had been 40% and above; II. agreed to proceed with a ten-week consultation exercise for all remaining streets, using canvassers, local community groups etc., with Members to be informed when that process had commenced; and III. noted that a report would be submitted to its next monthly meeting on the terms of reference for a local inquiry, where an objection to a proposed Gating Order had been received.
3.2	<p>To date, the Council have not received a formal challenge of merit during any previous phase of alleygating, however, due to the unprecedented number of objections received during this consultation phase, there is increased likelihood that a number of challenges may be received. Receipt of a challenge would necessitate the Council holding a local inquiry, which, to date, has not been necessary in previous phases.</p>
3.3	<p>A draft Terms of Reference for any local inquiry has been drafted for members to consider and approve and this is attached as Appendix One.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All associated costs are covered within existing budget estimates.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference