

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 10 September 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors D Collins and S A Spencer.

In accordance with Standing Order 15.6, Councillor D Allen attended as Local Member for Minute No. 47/13.

45/13 PETITION RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Ilkeston – Chaucer Junior School – Request to Clear Footpath between the Junior School and Infant School	10	Councillor G Birkin
North Wingfield, St Lawrence Road – Request for a Pedestrian Crossing	38 paper 20 epetition	Councillor K Gillott
Long Eaton, Cranfleet Way – Request for Removal of Mobile Jacket Potato Seller from Verge due to it being an Accident Hazard	73	Councillor D Walton

46/13 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 30 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

47/13 PETITION – HASLAND ROAD/MANSFIELD ROAD, HASLAND – REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF NEWLY INSTALLED TRAFFIC SIGNALS Following the receipt of a petition requesting the removal of the newly installed traffic signals in Hasland village investigations have been undertaken.

There have been significant public concerns which have led to the creation of the Hasland Traffic Light Working Group. The level of concern has been such that an independent report from URS was requested to consider

both the appropriateness of the introduction of signals and any modifications to improve efficiency.

A public consultation event held on 12 June 2013 was very well attended and it was evident that the community wished to see the old arrangement of a mini-roundabout reintroduced. The traffic lights were installed because of the injury collision problems, however collisions have also been recorded after their introduction.

Taking into account the data it was proposed to undertake a redesign of the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green. This would be started as a matter of urgency and comprehensive consultation would be undertaken in the near future. The proposal would include the removal of the traffic signal junction and a mini-roundabout reintroduced.

RESOLVED that (1) the Authority proceeds to redesign the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green with a view to removing the Traffic Signal junction and replacing it with a mini-roundabout, together with other mitigating features;

(2) a public consultation event be held on the proposed scheme design; and

(3) the Local Member and Hasland Traffic Light Working Group are informed of the decision.

48/13 INFIRMARY ROAD, CHESTERFIELD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME Objections have been received following consultation on the provision of a Traffic Calming Scheme on Infirmary Road, Chesterfield.

The improvements on Infirmary Road would help to address concerns regarding pedestrian safety and inappropriate vehicle speeds raised by local residents and Chesterfield College. Drainage works, including the installation of additional gullies, would hopefully improve the reported situation regarding standing water. It was considered that the proposal would help to reduce the incidence of collisions at this location.

RESOLVED that (1) the Authority proceeds with the introduction of the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme on Infirmary Road, Chesterfield; and

(2) the Local member and objectors be advised of the decision.

49/13 MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012 – 2013 The Better Safety and Security Strategy, Evidence Based Casualty Initiative had allocated £185,000 to introduce a traffic signal scheme at the junction of St Augustines Road and Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield, however further investigations indicated that the scheme would not operate efficiently. It was proposed that the funding be

reallocated to the redesign and reconfiguration of the junction of Hasland Road, Mansfield Road and The Green; and the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on St Lawrence Road, North Wingfield.

RESOLVED to approve the transfer of budgets within the Local Transport Plan Capital programme for 2012 – 2013 as detailed in the report.

50/13 OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED “NO WAITING AT ANY TIME” RESTRICTION ON HIGH STREET EAST, GLOSSOP The item was withdrawn pending further information.

51/13 COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR TRANSPORT – SURVEY OF NEEDS The seven community transport schemes and six volunteer centres provided essential transport services across the County, for people where other transport options were not available or where people were unable to use transport.

Satisfaction surveys have been undertaken for individual community and voluntary transport services; however a county-wide assessment has never been undertaken. It was therefore recommended that work was undertaken to provide a better understanding of the use of these services, the contribution they make and to identify gaps in provision.

Expressions of interest for the second round of funding from the Department of Transport Rural Sustainable Transport Fund have been received, however in order to ensure that successful projects were complementary to the findings of the needs assessment, it was proposed to put the second round process on hold until work on identifying any gaps in provision was completed.

RESOLVED (1) to approve work to be undertaken to make an assessment of peoples' needs for Community and Voluntary transport and to identify gaps in provision of services;

(2) to approve the use of the Department of Transport Rural Sustainable Transport Funding for the needs assessment and other evidence collection as outlined in the report; and

(3) to defer consideration of expressions of interest for Round 2 Rural Sustainable Transport Funding.

52/13 ROBIN HOOD LINE CCTV REPLACEMENT The current annual revenue cost for monitoring, maintenance and line rental of the CCTV system was £66,000. The age of the equipment and the on-going cost to the authority has prompted a review and negotiations with Network Rail, and principally, East Midlands Trains, have agreed that CCTV monitoring would be funded by the railway industry, subject to Derbyshire County Council agreeing to fund a “one-off” replacement CCTV system to current railway operating

standards. The original redundant CCTV equipment would also require removing at an estimated cost of up to £40,000.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the payment of £59,461 to East Midlands Trains to replace the Robin Hood Line CCTV equipment in order to transfer on-going responsibility to the rail industry; and

(2) approve the expenditure of up to £40,000 to remove and dispose of redundant CCTV equipment at Derbyshire Robin Hood Line stations.

53/13 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Environment Agency and University of West England (in conjunction with the Institute of Civil Engineers) offered a training scheme and the opportunity for students to study for a foundation degree in River and Coastal engineering. The County Council has accepted two students over the last three years and this has proved to be a great success helping the Council to deliver its new responsibilities.

The Environment Agency has again approached the County Council to ask if it was possible to offer a further placement commencing in September 2011. The training course would take the form of a two year work placement including block release to attend lectures at University. There was no commitment to employ the trainee after this period. The student would receive an annual training allowance of £12,000 per annum, the County Council would contribute £6,000 in twelve monthly instalments and DEFRA would pay the other 50% (administered by the Environment Agency).

RESOLVED to approve the offer of a “placement” for an Environment Agency student under the terms of the training agreement for a two year period.

54/13 CONSULTATION ON EREWASH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CORE STRATEGY – SCHEDULE OF MAIN MODIFICATIONS

Following an Examination in Public of the Erewash Core Strategy Submission (ECSS) the Planning Inspector has recommended Main Modifications to Erewash Borough Council to ensure that it was both sound and legally compliant with the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Localism Act 2011. The Borough Council was now consulting on the Main Modifications and no other matters.

Technical Officer comments were submitted by the County Council at each consultation stage, the majority of which were taken into account in the ECSS. There have also been on-going discussions about the strategic infrastructure planning and service delivery implications of Core Strategy, particularly relating to additional education provision associated with the proposed housing development.

The Planning Inspector has recommended 32 Main Modifications to the ECSS and County Council officer comments in relation to each appropriate modification were detailed in the report.

RESOLVED to authorise officers to respond to Erewash Borough Council on its Core Strategy – Schedule of Main Modifications, as set out in the report.

55/13 RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS: CORE STRATEGY – FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND DRAFT RUSHCLIFFE GREEN BELT REVIEW

Rushcliffe Borough Council submitted the Rushcliffe Core Strategy Development Plan Document (CSDPD) to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public (EIP). The Planning Inspector has written to the Borough Council expressing concerns about its soundness, in particular regarding the level of proposed housing which was considered to be insufficient; and the absence of a documented comprehensive review of the Green Belt to inform decisions about proposed locations for housing growth. At the request of the Borough Council, the Inspector agreed to suspend the examination of the Core Strategy until October 2013 to allow further work to be undertaken regarding his concerns.

The County Council has been consulted on the amendments to the strategy and County Council officers' comments were detailed in the report.

RESOLVED to authorise officers to respond to Rushcliffe Borough Council's Consultations on its Core Strategy – Further Proposals for New Housing Development and Draft Green Belt Review as set out in the report.

56/13 CONSULTATION ON AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – DRAFT CORE STRATEGY Amber Valley
Borough Council (AVBC) has produced its Local Plan Part 1 – Draft Core Strategy (LPDCS) for consultation.

The LPDCS has been prepared following four previous rounds of public consultation and technical officer comments were submitted by the County Council to AVBC at each stage. The County Council, AVBC, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council have worked together on their Core Strategies, particularly through the Derby HMA Core Strategy Officer Co-ordination Group and other topic related groups, and Member and Officer representation on the Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board.

AVBC would consult on its Publication Version of the Local Plan Core Strategy between October and November 2013, before submitting it to the Secretary of State in December 2013 with an Examination in Public expected in March 2014.

Overall the LPDCS was broadly supported, although there were various outstanding issues that required further co-operative working between the County Council and AVBC, particularly relating to transport, education provision and other infrastructure requirements. Detailed comments on housing, transport, town centres, heritage and strategic infrastructure were included in the appendix to the report and Local member comments were contained in the report.

RESOLVED to authorise the production of a formal response on behalf of the County Council to Amber Valley Borough Council's Local Plan Part 1 – Draft Core Strategy, as detailed in the report and Appendix.

57/13 REQUEST TO FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE LOWLAND DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR POST Nottinghamshire County

Council currently provided secretarial and administrative support to the Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and the Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership (LDBP) hosted by Derbyshire County Council has offered 2.5 days a fortnight of its Officers time.

This was not sufficient to operate at the strategic influencing level envisaged and the LNP Board was in the process of securing a Co-ordinator, for which funding was currently being secured. Toyota and Derby University have confirmed their contribution of £10,000 each for three years, and it was proposed that Derbyshire County Council also offers a contribution to this post. A sum of £5,000 could be found from the Conservation and Design Sections revenue budget annually for three years.

A role profile for the position was being developed by the LNP Board in conjunction with the Chief Executive of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

RESOLVED that a financial contribution of £5,000 per annum for three years, commencing in 2013/14, be made to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce towards the costs of employing the Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership Coordinator Post.

58/13 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET The
Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services reported on the Historic Environment Grants Budget and possible future grant schemes. This budget has been used to lever in funding to protect and enhance the built historic environment.

The English Heritage (EH) Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas (PSiCA), although having its budget reduced has made an exception and would be supporting the Derwent Valley Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas for one additional year, 2013-2014. This scheme assists historic

buildings in Cromford, Belper and Milford. EH has offered £21,000, subject to Derbyshire County Council and partners match funding. Amber Valley Borough and Derbyshire Dales District Councils have confirmed funding and Derbyshire County Council could contribute £10,500. EH was not funding any other PSiCAs elsewhere in Derbyshire.

The Swadlincote PSiCA ended in March 2013, however there was still a substantial amount of work to be carried out. It was proposed that the County Council enters into a historic areas grants scheme with South Derbyshire District Council, who has allocated its entire historic environment grants budget of £10,000 to Swadlincote. The County Council could match fund this scheme.

It was proposed to allocate £10,000 for Archaeological Grants and a further report would be submitted to a future Cabinet Member meeting.

The level of unallocated funds from the Historic Environmental Grant budget was higher than usual due to the uncertainty surrounding EH and District and Borough Council funding. Funding for the historic environment was going through a period of change and HLF has published its strategic framework which included a number of amended and new grants programmes. One was an amended Townscape Heritage grant scheme and it was understood that Bolsover District Council was developing a scheme focused on New Bolsover Model Village; and South Derbyshire District Council on a scheme for Swadlincote for submission to the HLF. The County Council had been approached to see if it would be willing to contribute. The HLF's new Heritage Enterprise (HE) grants have been launched across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites, and unlock their economic potential. This scheme offered great potential for addressing a number of historic buildings and sites on the Derbyshire 'Buildings at Risk' Register.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the allocation of £10,500 towards the Derwent Valley Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas for 2013-14;

(2) to approve the allocation of £10,000 towards a conservation partnership scheme in Swadlincote between Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council for 2013-14;

(3) to approve the allocation of £10,000 towards Archaeological Grants for 2013-14;

(4) to note the Heritage Lottery Fund's more flexible Townscape Heritage grants scheme and the possible applications to the programme from Bolsover District Council for New Bolsover Model Village and South Derbyshire District Council for Swadlincote; and

(5) to note the launch of the Heritage Lottery Fund's new Heritage Enterprise grant scheme.

59/13 DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The development of a Derbyshire Economic Strategy (DES) has emerged from the Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP) restructure review. The emerging DEP approach complements and would help to deliver a key manifesto pledge for the County Council and ensure Derbyshire was well positioned to influence the Local Enterprise Partnership agenda for both Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) and Sheffield City Region (SCR).

The DEP Board has agreed that further detailed work should be undertaken and it was proposed that the County Council commissions specialist external consultants to support officers and partners in the preparation of the full DES including appropriate consultation.

RESOLVED (1) to endorse the progress made to date on developing an Economic Strategy for Derbyshire in conjunction with Derbyshire Economic Partnership and relevant stakeholders; and

(2) to approve the commissioning of external consultancy support, up to a maximum of £25,000, to develop and finalise the Derbyshire Economic Strategy.

60/13 REVIEW OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL WASTE, ABANDONED VEHICLES, RECYCLING CREDITS AND EXCESS MILEAGE

The charges and payments made to District and Borough Councils for the disposal of commercial waste and abandoned vehicles; and payments for recycling credits and excess mileage relating to the delivery of waste management services within the County, were detailed in the report. These charges and payments have been reviewed in light of changes in costs. It was proposed to increase the Commercial Waste recharge in 2013/2014 to £111.49 per tonne; the abandoned vehicle payments to £35.25 per vehicle which took into account the annual adjustment bases on the Retail Price Index (RPI); Recycling Credits in accordance with the statutory 3% increase to £48.82 per tonne; and the excess mileage payments, linked to the RPI increase, to £0.85 per mile.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the commercial waste disposal recharge rate for 2013/14 at £111.49 per tonne which includes a 2% administration charge and the withdrawal of the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme surcharge;

(2) the abandoned vehicle rate at £35.25 per vehicle for 2013/14, in accordance with the Agency Agreement;

(3) the recycling credit rate for 2013/14 at £48.82 per tonne; and

(4) the excess mileage payment for 2013/14 at £0.85 pence per tonne, per mile.

61/13 BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 The budget monitoring was currently projecting an overspend of £0.980m at the year end.

The majority of current underspends related to employee costs, as a result of vacancy control, which would be absorbed when the outstanding budget cuts have been allocated. The winter overspend would be funded from the winter maintenance reserve.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

62/13 DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE – EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME The item was withdrawn pending further information.

63/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2013.
2. To consider the Exempt Joint Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services and the Deputy Chief Executive on Redesignation and Regrading of the Senior Economic Regeneration Officer within the Economic Regeneration Service (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)