

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 23 August 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor P Smith

Also in attendance – Councillors J Owen and S A Spencer.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Collins.

95/16 PETITION RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
A6013 Bamford – Request for Pedestrian Crossing	76	Councillor J Street

and (2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities be asked to investigate the matters raised in the petition.

96/16 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 2 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

97/16 SECTION 278 AGREEMENT OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – INFIRMARY ROAD, CHESTERFIELD Chesterfield College has recently undertaken significant improvements to its facilities and has also undertaken minor footway improvements to the footway on Infirmary Road.

The College was required to enter into a legal agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 with a guarantee bond to safeguard public funds to cover any maintenance of the works for a period of 12 months. However as Chesterfield College was a public body the risk of default or financial insolvency was considered negligible and approval was requested to waive this requirement and replace it with a letter of undertaking.

RESOLVED (1) to note the intention to enter into a Section 278 Agreement with Chesterfield College for Infirmary Road, Chesterfield; and

(2) to approve the proposals that, in this case, Chesterfield College, as developer, be exempted from having to provide a Guarantee Bond or pay financial security to support the Section 278 Agreement for these highway improvement works.

98/16 DERBYSHIRE HIGHWAYS HUB The Highways Division of the Economy, Transport and Communities Department has a strategic priority to deliver “A Safe and Reliable Highway Network” and in order to improve the way the Council did this it was proposed to establish the Derbyshire Highways Hub.

It would specifically carry out some or all of the following functions which are currently undertaken by different teams in different parts of the Department:

- Schedule and coordinate 2 hour, 32 hour, 5 day and 28 day highway defects (i.e. reactive works less than a half day duration).
- Schedule and coordinate street lighting repairs.
- Coordinate out of hours and emergency work.
- Issue Permits to Work and Street Works Notices.
- Provide an efficient service to customers and Members.
- Abnormal loads.
- Traffic management – network capacity management.
- Traffic signals.
- Traffic Regulation Orders.

Most of the functions would be carried out by the Hub from 1 April 2017 and the following fundamental tasks would need to be undertaken before that date:-

- Consulting on and communicating the proposals and the need for change to key stakeholders, especially managers and employees
- Preparing the accommodation once the location for the Hub has been agreed and moving some teams into that location over the next six months
- Getting the necessary ICT in place, such as interactive large screens to be able to see information like the location of the workforce and traffic conditions at a glance
- Ensuring the systems and processes are fit for purpose, both for current and future plans
- Ensuring operational practices are appropriate

The likely cost of ICT would be in the region of £15,000 and would be funded from the Economy, Transport and Communities earmarked IT reserve.

RESOLVED to (1) support the establishment of a Derbyshire Highways Hub, as outlined in the report, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions and employees;

(2) note that the work required to establish the Hub by 1 April 2017 will be undertaken by reallocating workloads in the Performance and Engagement section, working closely with technical officers in the Highways Division; and

(3) approve that the cost of ICT equipment for the Highways Hub be met from the department's earmarked ICT reserve.

99/16 AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS RESOLVED
to approve the award of grants of £100 to Friends of Bamford Station, £6,320 to Network Rail and £250 to Groundwork Creswell.