

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 18 December 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillors P Dunn and S A Spencer.

158/15 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for 1 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

159/15 RAIL NORTH LTD The County Council has subscribed to Rail North Ltd which was a consortium of 29 northern Local Transport Authorities and Combined Authorities commencing in April 2016 to jointly manage, with the Department for Transport (DfT), rail franchises in the north of England, as part of the Government's devolution programme. The plan was for Rail North Ltd to take sole responsibility for letting its local rail franchises from April 2024 onwards.

Local and inter-urban rail services in the north of England were currently provided by two franchises: Northern Rail and Trans Pennine Express and during the past year, the specifications for the new franchises have been approved following development of a Long Term Rail Strategy. Results of the bidding process were expected before the end of 2015 with franchises operating from 1 April 2016. It was reported at the meeting that the franchises have been awarded to First Group and Arriva. Further information would be available in the New Year.

The East Midlands regional representation on Rail North Ltd was 9% of the total voting rights, with Derbyshire County Council's share at 1.4% of the total. Administrative costs were agreed to be capped at £36,000 per year for 2015-16, and has also been agreed for the 2016-17 financial year. The cost to the County Council was £504 each year.

Each Authority eligible to join Rail North Ltd becomes a member of the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities. Councillor Dean Collins was the County Council's representative and he has been elected as the Regional Director representing Derbyshire, Lincolnshire Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City Council areas.

The financial risk of franchise failure remained with DfT as part of a Rail North/DfT Partnership Agreement and any Local Authority could withdraw from Rail North Ltd with 18 months' notice.

RESOLVED to (1) note the progress in establishing Rail North Ltd to manage rail franchises in the north of England in partnership with the Department for Transport;

(2) approve the County Council's continuing membership of Rail North Ltd, at a cost of £504 per annum until March 2017 and agrees that its membership should be kept under review;

(3) note the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, as the County Council's representative to the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities and as the East Midlands Regional Director to the Board of Rail North Ltd; and

(4) authorise the Director of Legal Services to sign the Rail North Members Agreement on behalf of the County Council.

160/15 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WOODLAND FESTIVAL - SPECIAL CAR PARK CHARGE TO SUPPORT THE COST OF STAGING THE EVENT

Following consultation a special event charge of £6 per car to park was introduced in 2015, for the County Council's Woodland Festival at Elvaston Castle Country Park. However due to comments and behaviour experienced at the event, a new cost structure for entering the event for 2016 has been formulated.

It was proposed that a standard fee of £8 per car and £4 per motorcycle be charged on the days of the event from 9am onwards, for all visitors to the park, including blue badge and season ticket holders. A £12 weekend ticket would be available to people who pre-book/purchase this in advance. Between 9am and 10am, a £1 ticket would be available for visitors wanting to stay on site for one hour only. This would be strictly imposed using civil parking enforcement, and would include close monitoring of the urban clearway on Borrowash Road.

A £1 discount voucher for day tickets would be available in the 2016 Countryside Events Brochure to incentivise Festival visitors to complete a short questionnaire to inform future marketing of the event. The event would take place on 24 and 25 September in 2016.

RESOLVED to approve the introduction of special event car parking charges, as set out in the report, at the Derbyshire County Council Woodland Festival at Elvaston Castle Country Park on 24 and 25 September 2016.

161/15 DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PARTNER INITIATIVES

The approved Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP) Strategy 2015-17 commits the Partnership to an evidence based approach to casualty reduction, with funding for individual interventions being initially agreed by the DDRSP Managing Group.

The agreed scheme for the A5111 Speed Limit Improvements (Derby City Council) required signage upgrading new Traffic Regulation Orders to allow enforcement to re-commence and a sum of £21,000 from Derby City Council's brought forward partner contributions was requested to correct the defects. The City Council has spent £3,500 in designing this work and was also spending £51,000 on 2015-16 on similar engineering works aimed at casualty reduction.

Derbyshire Constabulary has identified 100 high priority routes where it would focus its enforcement activities. It was necessary to ensure that all the signing and associated Traffic Regulation Orders were correct and the Authority was currently surveying the routes. It was anticipated that some work, such as replacement signage and road marking, would be required at an estimated cost £30,000 and could be funded from the PSA2 Reward Reserve.

CREST currently operated four mobile speed cameras on identified routes where there was a known speed related casualty problem and to maintain this essential road safety tool, it was necessary to upgrade the systems to current standards. A quote from the equipment supplier has been obtained and the upgrade would cost £70,000. It was proposed that a grant be made to Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner to procure the upgrade which would be funded from DDRSP reserves.

RESOLVED to (1) note the refund of partner contributions of £21,000 to Derby City Council to enable it to implement Traffic Regulation Orders and signage improvements, as required on the A5111 through Derby;

(2) approve the addition of Speed Limit Remedial Work in Derbyshire, with a value of £30,000, to the Capital Programme 2015-16;

(3) approve the addition of Mobile Speed Cameras Upgrade, with a value of £70,000, to the Capital Programme 2015-16; and

(4) approve the grant of £70,000 to Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner for the upgrade of mobile speed cameras.

162/15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item 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 consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on Community Rail Partnerships 2016-17 and 2017-18. (contains information relating to any individual)

2. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on Maintenance Arrangements for the Pennine Bridleway. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information))

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