

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 25 July 2018

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance - Councillors T Ainsworth and G Hickton

72/18 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Request to Reinstate Route 55a for the villages of Morton, Pilsley, Wingerworth, Shirland and Stonebroom	18 (petition)	Councillors K Gillott and B Lewis
B5035 Roses Lane and Garner Lane, Parkhead, Crich – Road Safety Issues	155	Councillor D Taylor
Ripley, Waingroves, Pit Lane – Request for No Parking at Junction with Church Street	24	Councillor R Ashton

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment considers the matters raised in the petition.

73/18 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 26 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

74/18 CODE OF PRACTICE FOR WELL MANAGED HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE – APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL STRATEGIES AND PLANS
The new Code of Practice Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure was launched in October 2016 with a recommendation that it be adopted by all highway authorities within two years.

The risk based approach of the new Code required the Council to develop its own approach to the Code of Practice setting out a policy, strategy, plan, processes and evidence chain to ensure that it could be clearly and transparently demonstrated

that the Council was considering risk in delivering its services in accordance with asset management principles. Work has been undertaken over the last 18 months to develop the supporting documentation, principles and processes for a risk based approach to be delivered and sustained, and these work streams have led to the development of a number of key documents.

Cabinet approval was being sought, at its meeting on 26 July 2018, for a Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy, which is a brief document outlining the Authority's commitment to sound Asset Management principles, in the management of its highway infrastructure, aligned with the Corporate Vision. Cabinet would also be requested that the development, approval and implementation of the plans and strategies that support this policy, be delegated to the Cabinet Member, in conjunction with the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment.

Subject to this Cabinet approval, the Cabinet Member's approval of the following plans and strategies, attached to the report as appendices, was sought:-

- A Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and Plan
- A Network Hierarchy Plan
- A Resilient Network Plan
- A Data Management Strategy
- A Highway Infrastructure Assets Safety Inspection Manual
- Highways Communication Strategy

These work streams and the policies, processes and documentation provide the basis of the Council's approach to meeting the requirements of the new Code of Practice Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure and provide the means for an efficient and effective risk based and transparent approach to managing the carriageways and footways, structures, street lighting, traffic management, drainage and street furniture.

The remaining key documents that support the Asset Management Framework would be subject to a future report to the Cabinet Member in Autumn 2018.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Technical plans and strategies forming the basis of this report and attached as background papers;

(2) note that updates to the plans and strategies have been delegated by Cabinet to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure and the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment; and

(3) agree to receive further reports to approve the New Code of Practice once remaining plans and strategies are finalised.

75/18 AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS RESOLVED
to approve the award of grant to Friends of Edale Station (£250); East Midlands Trains (£30,000) subject to acceptance of the grants to Derbyshire County Council; and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (£39,519) subject to acceptance of the grants to Derbyshire County Council.

76/18 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE FOOD BAG TRIAL IN HIGH PEAK
On 11 January 2018, the Cabinet Member approved a contribution of £7,989 to part fund, with High Peak Borough Council, a small scale six month trial to issue compostable food bags to households in the Borough to encourage more residents to divert food waste for composting through their garden waste bins.

The trial area covered 7,000 households in large parts of Glossop and the surrounding areas. Participation by householders was expected to generate on average between 0.1kg and 0.5kg of food waste per household per week across the trial area. The actual average weight of food waste diverted during the trial was 0.48kg per household per week, an increase of 0.31kg which equates to a diversion of 3.3 tonnes of food waste per week or 167 tonnes in one year by the Glossop householders.

The food waste collected was composted at the County Council's in-vessel composting plant at Waterswallows, Buxton, managed by Suez who has monitoring the quality of the food waste being presented and confirmed it was satisfied with the inputs from the trial and would continue to spread the resulting compost on agricultural land in the Buxton area.

The trial has proved that the provision of free compostable food bags engaged the public and diverted food waste, however, the provision of one bag as opposed to two, should present some modest disposal costs savings. It was therefore proposed that, subject to approval, the initiative be continued for a further 12 months but all households being issued with one bag per week. It was also proposed that the initiative be expanded into the Buxton area (7,000 households), as part of an expansion in the High Peak area.

Six retailers in Glossop were selling the compostable bags and it was proposed that a limited number of bags could also be made freely available at Council outlets in the area.

The proposed 12 month expansion and continuation in the High Peak area would incur implementation costs of £25,925 which could be met by the disposal savings that the County Council gained, consequently providing net disposal savings to the Council of up to £7,465.

It was noted that Suez were also happy to commence discussions with Chesterfield Borough, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover District councils in

regard to undertaking similar trials in those areas. This would be at no net cost to the County Council.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the expansion of a compostable food bag trial into the Buxton area and the continuation of the Glossop trial until September 2019 and the trial to include the issuing of one food bag per household per week (issued on a roll of 52 in September 2018);

(2) any small scale trial in the north-east of the County providing that it is cost neutral to the County Council due to the associated disposal savings; and

(3) officers to report back to the Cabinet Member in summer 2019 with a further report on progress of this trial and with any developments of trials in the north-east of the County.

77/18 CONSULTATION ON BOLSOVER DISTRICT PUBLICATION LOCAL PLAN

In October 2016, Bolsover District Council (BDC) published its Consultation Draft Local Plan (CDLP), which set out BDC's preferred scale and distribution of housing and employment growth, together with a range of other policies for a number of strategic site allocations, Green Belt, environment, town centres, transport and infrastructure. Derbyshire County Council submitted extensive comments.

BDC has now consulted Derbyshire County Council on its Publication Local Plan (PLP). This is the last stage of public consultation before it was submitted to the Secretary of State and for which an Examination in Public would be held in due course.

In order to meet BDC's statutory deadline for submission of comments, provisional comments were submitted on 16 June 2018, subject to agreement at this Cabinet Member Meeting. Overall, these comments considered that the County Council's previous concerns raised on the CDLP have been largely addressed by the PLP and that in the view of Derbyshire County Council, it appeared that the PLP was now considered to be sound and legally compliant. A summary of the County Council's comments on Housing Requirement and Land Supply; Affordable Housing; Strategic Sites and Green Belt Issues; Employment; Settlement Hierarchy; Highways; Gypsies and Travellers; Flood Risk; Landscape and Public Health were detailed in the report.

RESOLVED to delegate authority to officers to send a formal response to Bolsover District Council on its Bolsover District Publication Local Plan, in line with the issues and comments set out in the report.

78/18 ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK CARAVAN SITE

A tender exercise was undertaken from 6 February 2018 to 6 March 2018, initially, with a lease term of 7 years with break clauses for the benefit of both parties. In addition, the prospect of a potential extension to the existing site area was advised

to potential tenderers. However the tender exercise failed to attract a single interested party.

A feedback exercise has been undertaken and it was ascertained that the proposed 7 year lease period was considered too short, with a minimum of 15-20 years (and ideally 25+) needed to allow recouping of necessary investment to establish and run a commercially sustainable site operation to modern standards. There was an appetite to invest provided a long lease was offered and nine operators have informally expressed a substantive interest in the opportunity including four national operators.

There was concern that the site was a little below the optimum size for a warden-operated location, but with the possible option of expanding the operation in the future should the existing car park be relocated it was hoped that operators would be encouraged to bid speculatively against this possibility.

A rent-free period of six months at the outset of the new lease agreement was suggested to encourage parties to bid without fear of short-term cashflow pressures ahead of the site being redeveloped and let.

RESOLVED to approve a procurement exercise for a 25 year lease term for the Elvaston Castle Caravan Site with a six-month, rent-free period from the date of the completion of the lease, and both parties to have the option to terminate the agreement at the end of year 15, subject to 2 years written notice.

79/18 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 confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 June 2018.

80/18 EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 26 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.