

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 22 February 2018

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance – Councillors T Ainsworth and G Hickton.

25/18 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
Chesterfield, Shirland Street – Residents' Parking Scheme	40	Councillor S Blank
Chesterfield, Thorndon Way – Request to Install an Additional Street Light	19	Councillor J Boulton

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

26/18 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 1 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

27/18 PETITION – CRICH LANE, RIDGEWAY, NEAR AMBERGATE – ROAD SAFETY CONDITIONS A petition requesting Derbyshire County Council to work jointly with Synseal Extrusions Limited to assess the road safety conditions along Crich Lane, Ridgeway, near Ambergate had been received at the Cabinet Member meeting on 23 March 2017.

Following receipt of the petition the Director of Synseal Extrusions Limited had communicated that he was willing to undertake all reasonable steps to mitigate the impact of his business operations on the local community.

One issue in the petition had related to the strengthening of Crich Lane to accept Heavy Goods Vehicles. The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment had commented in his report that officers were not aware of any issues with the structural integrity of the carriageway construction for Crich Lane that would affect its ability to withstand the weight of Heavy Goods Vehicles. The road would

be monitored as part of the Council's routine inspection regime and remedial works undertaken as and when it was identified.

The Strategic Director addressed in his report specific questions that had been raised in the petition relating to an alternative route, property damage as a result of HGV traffic vibration; whether the larger vehicles were carrying a full load; the use of the road in ice and wintery conditions; roadworks affecting access along Crich Lane; damage to street lighting infrastructure; and general road safety issues relating to collision history. He considered that an effective response to petitioners could best be achieved through collaboration between Synseal and the County Council. An officer from the Traffic and Safety Team was, therefore, to meet with the owners of Synseal and the Local Member, Councillor Ainsworth, to see if some improvements to the current situation could be achieved by both parties.

RESOLVED (1) to acknowledge the local residents' concerns regarding road safety conditions on Crich Lane, Ridgeway;

(2) to note that a meeting is to be arranged with Synseal Extrusions Limited to discuss measures to improve the current situation;

(3) to note that the Local Member is to be involved in future discussions on this matter; and

(4) that the objectors be notified of the decision.

28/18 LIVING STREETS 'WALK TO' PROJECT (2017-2020) The Council had a statutory duty to promote active and healthy travel through its Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoTS), which detailed the Council's overall vision, objectives and work programme for improving accessibility to schools. The SMoTS programme encouraged parents and children to choose more active, healthier and environmentally friendly ways of travelling, as an alternative to driving.

Living Streets was the UK charity for everyday walking and behind the WOW (Walk Once per Week) Walk to School campaign. The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment explained that WOW was a Living Streets incentive scheme whereby pupils recorded how they got to school on the WOW Travel Tracker (interactive, anonymised data recording system) and those who walked at least once per week for a month were rewarded with a themed badge.

Following a successful application to the Department for Transport's Access Fund, Living Streets' 'Walk To' project was now delivering WOW to schools, in partnership with a number of selected local authorities.

Authorisation was sought to sign the non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and to enter into a subsequent formal contract with the charity, Living Streets, which would enable Derbyshire County Council to enter into partnership with Living Streets to utilise its resources, free of charge, to promote

sustainable travel to Derbyshire schools as part of its WOW Walk to School campaign. The MoU set out the roles and responsibilities of both parties required to support the delivery of the WOW project, with the aim of increasing the number of children walking all or part of the way to school.

RESOLVED (1) to note the content of the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment's report and welcome the benefits of working with Living Streets to support active travel to school; and

(2) to authorise the signing of the non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding and subsequent contract, should it be required.

29/18 CREATION AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW POST WITHIN DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE TEAM

Approval was sought for the creation and recruitment of a new post of Project Support Officer (Digital Business Growth Programme) within the Digital Derbyshire Broadband Programme Team. This post would assist with the delivery of the outreach function of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Digital Business Growth Programme (DBGP), support the Digital Derbyshire Programme Manager and the partners to deliver key aspects of the programme including direct business liaison and the ICT grants scheme.

The new post would be responsible for the day to day monitoring of the D2N2 DBGP grant applications to ensure compliance to the financial and administrative requirements of the ERDF 2014-20 and support the development of the programmes objectives in Derbyshire. The post had been evaluated as a Grade 6 and would be 100% grant funded through the DBGP.

RESOLVED to approve the establishment and recruitment of the Project Support Officer (Digital Business Growth Programme) on a fixed term contract basis until June 2019, to be 100% grant funded.

30/18 BUDGET MONITORING 2017-18 – PERIOD 9

The net controllable budget for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio was £76.643m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement, prepared at Period 9, indicated that there was a projected year end underspend of £2.222m. There was a projected £2.704m overspend on the provision of local bus services and Cabinet had previously agreed that up to £4.750m of the cost of this service would be met from General Reserves over two years. £1.929m of the General Reserve had been utilised in 2016-17 to cover the overspend on local bus services, leaving an amount of up to £2.821m available in 2017-18.

The key variances included Waste Management (projected underspend £2.806m), Planning and Development (projected underspend £0.828m), Highways Maintenance (projected overspend of £2.060m), Public and Community Transport (projected overspend £2.210m), and unallocated budget of £1.297m.

A savings target of £5.729m has been allocated for 2017-18, of which £2.852m would be achieved. The Revenue Budget Report approved by Council on 8 February 2017 had agreed to support the savings shortfall through the use of one-off funding, in accordance with the five year savings programme which projected delivery of the targets by 2020-21. Earmarked Reserves relating to this portfolio, totalling £21.004m were currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves were provided in the report.

RESOLVED to note the report.