

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 5 April 2018

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance – Councillor G Hickton.

31/18 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

| <u>Location/Subject</u> | <u>Signatures</u> | <u>Local Member</u> |
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| Dronfield – Unstone – Objections to Cycle Link | 430 | Councillor A Dale |
| Long Eaton, Request to Deter Cyclists from Using the Pavements | 51 (36 on paper and 15 ePetition) | Councillor G Hickton |
| Shirebrook, Field Drive – Request for Bus Shelter | 58 | Councillor C Dale |
| Chinley, Buxton Road – Request to Improve Road Safety | 269 (95 on paper and 174 ePetition) | Councillor A Fox |

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

32/18 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 22 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

33/18 AWARD OF EXTERNAL GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS RESOLVED to approve the grant to Elvaston Castle and Gardens Trust (£5,000).

34/18 ROAD MAINTENANCE SKIDDING RESISTANCE TECHNICAL GUIDANCE Skid resistance was an important property relating to the safety of highway users, particularly in damp or wet conditions. Over the course of a road's life some of the surface characteristics associated with grip could deteriorate. Effective maintenance of the highway network included the requirement to monitor systematically the skid resistance of the road surface and to take a proactive

approach so that the skid resistance across the network was maintained to an appropriate standard. The cost of the survey was estimated at £45,000 per annum, to be funded from the Highways Maintenance Surveys budget.

The County Council's existing policy for managing skid resistance on the highway network had been introduced in 2006 and needed to be updated to reflect current asset management practices and guidance. The new County Technical Guidance, which was attached as Appendix A to the report, took on board the principles of HD 28/15 Skidding Resistance - Design Manual for Roads and Bridges that provided standards, advice notes and other documents relating to the design, assessment and operation of trunk roads, with some adjustment to account for local road conditions and hierarchy.

The new Code of Practice, which would be responsive to risk and therefore could be liable to minor changes as circumstances changed, demanded that the Skid Resistance Procedure also adapted to real life circumstances.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the Road Skid Resistance Technical Guidance attached as Appendix A to the report; and

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be delegated responsibility for detailed changes to the Skid Resistance Procedure made to reflect operational experience.

35/18 EAST MIDLANDS GATEWAYS CONNECTIVITY STUDY The HS2 Growth Strategy and Midlands Connect had identified a need to significantly improve connectivity in the Nottingham to Derby corridor, and to prepare for the proposed HS2 East Midlands Hub Station. Demonstrating the economic case for investment would be a key element in securing the resources needed to support the HS2 Growth Strategy and other development in this area. The proposed study would combine and update existing transport computer models enabling proposals for new infrastructure and other measures to be assessed and developed. The study would offer a number of potential benefits for Derbyshire, in particular help ensure the necessary infrastructure was in place to enable communities in Derbyshire to benefit from HS2; respond to problems of congestion in the area, particularly at peak times; adopt an integrated multi-modal approach recognising the contributions that could be made by effective investment in bus, tram and rail services, road improvements and local transport; and promote a co-ordinated approach by transport agencies to ensure the most effective use of the available resources.

The Study would be led by Nottingham City Council with support from specialist consultants. An Officer Group comprising representatives from the funding partners had been established to oversee the work. The cost of the Study was estimated to be £1.2m. It was intended that this should be funded by contributions of £500,000 from Midlands Connect, and £100,000 from each of Highways England, HS2 Strategic Board, HS2 Ltd (in kind), Derbyshire County

Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council.

Given the potential implications for Derbyshire and the need to be HS2 ready, it was recommended that a contribution be made to the Study and that officer support should be provided to ensure the County Council's interests were protected and promoted.

RESOLVED to approve a contribution of £100,000 to the East Midlands Gateways Connectivity Study.

36/18 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (FEES FOR APPLICATIONS, DEEMED APPLICATIONS, REQUESTS AND SITE VISITS)(ENGLAND)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 In response to the recent Housing White Paper 'Fixing our Broken Housing Market' in February 2017, amendments had been made to the relevant Planning Application Fee Regulations, which came into force on 17 January 2018.

The new Regulations enabled nationally set planning applications fees to be increased by 20% in respect of applications, deemed applications and requests and site visits. The uplift in fee was only available for those local authorities committed to investing the additional fee income in their planning departments to boost capacity in delivering improved services to support and expedite economic growth. Essentially, the Government was keen to make sure the additional, ring fenced resource supported delivery of an effective planning system. Based on an average over the last five years' planning application fees, the 20% increase could generate an additional £40,000 per annum for the Planning Service which would be used to support additional capacity and ease budget pressures elsewhere within the Economy and Regeneration Service.

RESOLVED to approve the creation of an earmarked reserve account in which to move all the additional planning application 20% uplift money.

37/18 A "LOCAL LIST" OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL In order for local planning authorities (LPA) to process and determine planning applications as expeditiously as possible the Government introduced national planning application forms in April 2008. There were certain national requirements for information which had to accompany a planning application and LPAs were also able to publish their own 'local lists' of additional requirements and supporting evidence to supplement these.

A Derbyshire Local List of requirements for planning applications had been implemented on 1 October 2011 and subsequently updated in October 2014. Following further revised national guidance the Derbyshire Local List had been reviewed and further amendments made. The draft revised list had been considered by the Regulatory – Planning Committee on 10 July 2017 and an extensive

consultation exercise had been undertaken with the public, statutory consultees, district, borough, parish and town councils in the County, and all local authorities bordering Derbyshire. The proposed changes had been submitted to the Regulatory - Planning Committee on 5 March 2018 and approval was now sought for adoption of the Local List.

The adoption of the revised Local List would enable the Council to tailor the information required to accompany planning applications and would give more clarity and certainty to developers. The Council would publish all relevant information on its website.

RESOLVED to approve the adoption and publication of a final Local List of requirements for planning applications, as set out in Appendix B to the report, for implementation from 23 March 2018.