

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 9 July 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors D Collins, C M Cox and S A Spencer.

16/13 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 18 June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

17/13 **PETITION – OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL TO DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – SNITTERTON ROAD, MATLOCK** Following the receipt of a petition opposing the proposal for double yellow lines on Snitterton Road, investigations have been undertaken.

Residents on the lower section of Snitterton Road did not have off street parking and extension of waiting restriction in this area would be likely to cause further difficulties. However there still remained the issue of cars parking in the turning area, the need to maintain a clear area for vehicles to turn and also cars parking near to driveways making access and egress difficult. Numerous site visits have confirmed that vehicles were parked on-street during the day and if parked sensibly on one side delivery vehicles could pass. Vehicles were also frequently observed parking in the turning area.

It was recommended that a further consultation be undertaken with the proposed waiting restrictions reduced to provide an area of restriction free carriageway to enable parking by residents on the lower section of Snitterton Road and to maintain the propped double yellow lines within and opposite the turning area; and opposite private driveways at the top of the road.

RESOLVED that (1) the majority of double yellow lines be omitted from the Traffic Regulation Order as requested by the petitioners;

(2) a fresh consultation be undertaken into revised proposals, as shown on drawing number ST/RS/97/13; and

(3) the Local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

18/13 **A608 MAIN ROAD, HORSLEY WOODHOUSE – PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNALS** Consultation has been undertaken to determine the support for a scheme of traffic signals on Main Road/Ryknield Road Crossroads, Horsley Woodhouse. Four objections were received from

residents concerned at queues preventing access and egress from fronting driveways, the detrimental impact on properties and a preference for traffic calming.

It was anticipated that the provision of traffic signals would have a positive impact on approach speeds and queues would be managed efficiently by the signals. A mini roundabout had been considered but it would reduce visibility from the side roads which would further compromise road safety. A 4-way give-way system was not permitted by the Traffic Sign Regulations 2002. The issue of access and egress in to driveways would be monitored, however it was anticipated that the signals would provide a break in traffic flow to allow residents to access their driveways.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the installation of the traffic signals at the Main Road/Rykniel Road junction; and

(2) the Local Member and objectors be informed of the decision.

19/13 UPDATED TECHNICAL ANNEX TO THE HIGHWAY NETWORK MANAGEMENT PLAN – HIGHWAY SAFETY INSPECTIONS MANUAL

The first edition of the Highways Network Management Plan (HNMP) was produced in 2005 and updated in June 2012. It was now necessary to update the HNMP with a revised Technical Annex entitled 'Highway Safety Inspections Manual', which would supersede the previously approved version titled 'Highway Safety (Instructions to Inspectors)'.

One objective of the main objectives of the new manual was to reduce the number of defects that were temporarily repaired and increase the number of defects that were repaired 'right first time'.

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the new Highway Safety Inspections Manual as a Technical Annex for the Highway Network Management Plan with immediate effect.

20/13 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan (DIP) sets out a county-wide vision of future growth and development drawn from the Local Plans of District and Borough Councils and the Peak District National Park Authority.

The Developer Contributions Protocol (DCP) related only to developer contributions requested through planning obligations towards additional services and infrastructure provided by the County Council as a result of new development.

The DIP and DCP have been in operation for a year and it was considered timely to refresh their policy content, strategic project priorities and review the need for any process improvements in consultation with partners, stakeholders and the public. A workshop was planned with District and Borough Councils during the summer to focus on the benefits of a joint working to infrastructure planning and to consider how DCP could be improved to assist the development management process and monitoring of the use of developer contributions.

The refreshed DIP and DCP would be available to view by 2 July 2013 on the Council's website.

Since the first implementation of the DCP in May 2012 until March 2013 the County Council has been consulted on 70 strategic planning applications and requested developer contributions of £10,493,340 for capital contributions towards education, waste, green infrastructure and libraries; and £2,185,897 for revenue contributions towards library services.

An annual monitoring report was being prepared that would set out the contributions requested and secured and analyse the effectiveness of the DIP and DCP.

RESOLVED to approve the Developer Contributions' Protocol and the refreshed Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan for a six week period of public and stakeholder consultation.

21/13 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE
DRAFT VOLUNTEER POLICY 2013-2018

The draft Volunteer Policy sets out the proposed key principles and objectives for working with individuals volunteering directly with the Countryside Service and would provide a framework for best practice. It was intended that best practice guidance for community-based volunteer groups working for and on behalf of the Countryside Service would be produced at a later date.

It was intended that the Council entered into an Agreement with individual volunteers to set out the role/duties the volunteer was being asked to undertake, the time the volunteer could offer, what the volunteer could expect from the Council and confirmation this was a Volunteer Agreement. The volunteer would be expected to adhere to relevant Derbyshire County Council policies. The volunteer has the opportunity to withdraw their services at any time.

In preparing the document the Countryside Service has worked closely with the Director of Human Resources, Director of Legal Services, the two Local Access Forums for the County and informal discussions have been held with key volunteers and partners with Service Level Agreements.

Whilst there was no legal obligation to consult, it was intended to consult on the draft Policy over a 6 week period, from 29 July 2013 to 6

September 2013, by publishing the Policy on the County Council's website and distributing it to interested groups and organisations.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the draft Policy as a draft for public consultation;

(2) that Local Area Committees be invited to discuss how volunteering opportunities could be developed in their areas as part of its delivery; and

(3) that following the results of the consultation, the final Policy and associated Equality Analysis be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting for adoption.

22/13 FOOD AND DRINK SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The 2013 Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair held at Elvaston Castle and Country Park was attended by 15,600 people. The budget for the event has been reduced year on year with a view to it being self-sustaining in 2015. External sponsorship of £18,000 was secured for the 2013 event. Total income of £78,694 was generated from sponsorship, ticket sales and stall fees.

It was proposed that for 2014 the Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair remained at Elvaston Castle and Country Park and that Environmental Services look at potential water-logging/flooding issues to see whether there was any additional work that could be done in terms of on-site drainage.

The 2013-14 Food and Drink Awards would be launched in July, with an awards ceremony in January 2014. Private sponsorship was being sought and income from ticket sales was expected over in the region of £4,000, both of which could be off-set against the proposed operational budget of £8,000.

It was also proposed that the Taste Derbyshire accreditation scheme, which was run by the nationally recognised body 'Quality in Tourism' (QIT), be launched at the same time as the Food Awards. The scheme would give all Derbyshire food and drink businesses the opportunity to apply to QIT to have their venue assessed. QIT would pass on all details of the assessments to the economic regeneration team at the County Council who would collate a league table of results to use to support the visitor experience to Derbyshire.

RESOLVED to (1) note the success of the 2013 Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair;

(2) approve Elvaston Castle as the potential site for the 2014 Derbyshire Food and Drink Fair and budget of £24,300 to support the event;

(3) approve a budget of £8,000 for the 2013-14 Derbyshire Food and Drink Awards Scheme; and

(4) approve the launch of the Taste Derbyshire accreditation scheme.

23/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items 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 18 June 2013.
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on Purchase of Supplemental Mobile Licensing for the CONFIRM Highways Maintenance Computer System (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Authority holding that information)

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