

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 28 July 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillors J Owen and S A Spencer.

97/15 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Midway, Sandcliffe Park, off Sandcliffe Road – Objection to installation of SKY telegraph poles	10	Councillor L Chilton
Chesterfield – Stop Motorists Part Parking on Pavements	16	Councillor J Innes
Request to Remove the Traffic Restriction Orders on Chapelgate, Roych, Long Causeway and Leys Lane	719	Councillor J Street

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informs the residents of Sandcliffe Park, Midway of the County Council's requirements to SKY as a statutory undertaker and that the petition has been forwarded to SKY; and

(3) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised in the Chesterfield and Chapelgate petitions.

98/15 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for 7 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

99/15 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CROSSING AND AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BOYTHORPE AVENUE, CHESTERFIELD Following consultation on the

proposed crossing facilities and parking restrictions on Boythorpe Avenue, Chesterfield, objections have been received. Transition Chesterfield wanted a controlled crossing to be installed and Chesterfield Cycle Campaign expressed concern about the internal form and layout of the cycle path, however this was a matter for Chesterfield Borough Council.

The measures being introduced, would allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross Boythorpe Avenue with little difficulty and traffic control at the crossing was not considered necessary.

Pedestrian and vehicle counts have been carried out at the site prior to completion of the new leisure centre and the connecting pedestrian/cyclist improvements and would be repeated following the opening of the new leisure centre to monitor the crossing operation.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the implementation of the proposed traffic calming measures, as shown on plan HMT/SMD/80/15, on Boythorpe Avenue, Chesterfield, that are jointly funded from the 2015-16 Capital Programme and the Traffic and Safety Revenue budget at a total cost of approximately £25,000;

(2) that the Derbyshire County Council (Parking, Waiting and Loading Prohibitions and Restrictions) Chesterfield Considerations Order 2009 be varied as shown on plan HMT/SMD/80/15; and

(3) that the Local Member and organisations which made objections be informed of the decision.

100/15 SHIREBROOK, ASHBOURNE STREET – CROSSING POINTS

An objection has been received from Shirebrook Town Council following consultation on the provision of build-outs to aid pedestrians crossing Ashbourne Street in Shirebrook. Town Councillors suggested that the dropped crossing points be provided to create a level access route without the build-outs.

The build-outs would leave sufficient width to maintain two-way traffic flows and the junction build-out has been designed to accommodate bus movements.

RESOLVED to approve the introduction of crossing points on Ashbourne Street, Shirebrook, in the 2014-15 Capital Programme at an estimated cost of £10,000.

101/15 A616 CLOWNE TO CRESWELL – PROVISION OF A SHARED CYCLE PATH AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN TO THE CLOWNE BRANCH LINE PROJECT

The proposed scheme to upgrade the existing footway and verge on the A616 Clowne to Creswell was included as part of the 2014-15 Capital Programme. Local stakeholders were consulted and four objections were received, including one from Natural England and one from the Local Member, Councillor D McGregor.

There was a considerable desire for the creation of an off-road cycle/pedestrian route connection Clowne and Creswell along the former railway line. This would provide a traffic free cycleway and protect the habitat on the A616 verge.

Investigatory work continued on the Clowne Branch Line Project, following £30,000 being secured from the Public Health Resource Fund for the 'Green Tonic Project'. It has been identified that a bridged link between Barton Street and Mitchell Street at Clowne to connect to the branch line was needed and it was felt that the monies from the A616 cycleway project be re-allocated to create an easy access ramped connection.

RESOLVED that (1) the scheme for a shared cycle path on the A616 Clowne to Creswell be deleted for the 2014-15 Local Transport Plan; and

(2) the allocation of the £50,000 from the 2014-15 Local Transport Plan for the above A616 Clowne to Creswell project be transferred to the Clowne Branch Line Project to create an easy access ramped connection, together with any associated design costs.

102/15 AWARDS OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS

RESOLVED to approve the award of grant of £250 to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield for Autumn Footprints Walking Festival.

103/15 ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF PLANNED EXPENDITURE ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION DATA AND ANALYSIS

The report outlined the planned expenditure for 2015-16 on the contract with Transport for Greater Manchester for the supply of transportation data and analysis. Any additional expenditure was likely to be associated with carriageway maintenance works or maintenance of existing counting infrastructure, which were difficult to quantify.

Capital expenditure included Swarkestone Causeway Weight Enforcement Project (£50,000); permanent counting sites upgrades (£20,000); and installation of permanent journey time monitoring system in Chesterfield (£45,000). Revenue expenditure included maintenance and repairs to the existing automatic traffic counting infrastructure (estimated £10,000) and highways maintenance (should not exceed £10,000).

RESOLVED to note the planned programme of expenditure on the contract for supply of goods and services relating to Transportation Data and Analysis for 2015-16, as detailed in the report.

104/15 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET

Derbyshire County Council has used its Historic Environment Grants budget to lever in funding into the County to protect and enhance the built historic environment.

The Derwent Valley Conservation Area Grant Scheme includes the area of Cromford and Belper and Milford, with partner contributions from Derbyshire Dales District Council, Amber Valley Borough Council and Belper Town Council. If the County Council contributed the same as last year, £10,500, the total budget would be £21,000.

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) has submitted a Stage 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme. The total project fund was currently estimated to be £621,326 over a 4-year period. An annual County Council contribution of £10,000, for each of those four years, has been requested by SDDC as part of the potential fund. Bolsover District Council (BDC) would be submitting a Stage 2 bid to the HLF in August 2015. An annual contribution of £10,000, from the County Council, for each of those four years, has been requested by BDC.

In previous years, £10,000 has been earmarked purely for archaeological projects. However, due to reductions in the grant budget, it was proposed that grant bids for these projects would be the subject of separate reports. Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee (DAAC) coordinated the publication of Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire (ACID) and has received a quote for this year's design and printing of £5,000. DAAC was seeking a contribution of up to £2,500 from Derbyshire County Council. The Peak District National Park Authority has already confirmed it would be contributing the balance of £2,500.

Other potential projects for funding were the 'Clusters' heritage street works, Belper; and former target wall and firing butts, Belper North Lane – 'Home Front Legacy 1914-18' project.

Contributions were invariably received from the private sector, usually the building owner, and based on a 30% contribution from grant recipients this could add in the region of £300,000 to the grant budget figure.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the allocation of £10,500 towards the Derwent Valley Mills Conservation Area Partnership scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, Belper Town Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council, for 2015-16;

(2) the allocation of £10,000 towards a Townscape Heritage scheme in Swadlincote between Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2015-16 subject to the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund being successful;

(3) the allocation of £10,000 towards a Townscape Heritage scheme in Bolsover (Model Village) between Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2015-16 subject to the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund being successful; and

(4) a £2,500 contribution towards the printing and publication costs of 'Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire'.

105/15 DERBYSHIRE LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE 2016

In April 2015, the first Derbyshire Learning Outside the Classroom Conference was held at Lea Green Development Centre for teachers and group leaders of young people across the County. This conference was attended by over 130 participants and was very well received.

The aims of a second Conference would be to provide a showcase and 'market place' to highlight the wealth of learning outside the classroom providers, visit destinations and organisations available across the County; and encourage schools within the County and outside the area to choose Derbyshire for the learning outside the classroom opportunities they offer their pupils. It was proposed that the day would be jointly co-ordinated by Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service (planning) and Lea Green Development Centre (delivery and hosting).

RESOLVED to approve the delivery of the second Derbyshire Learning Outside the Classroom Conference at Lea Green Development Centre in May 2016.

106/15 REVENUE OUTTURN 2014-15

The final revenue controllable outturn position for 2014-15 for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio was detailed in the Appendix to the report. Net expenditure was £77.615m against a budget of £80.187m, resulting in a controllable underspend of £2.572m.

Key variances included Commercial Services (underspend £0.626m), Transport and Technical Policy (underspend of £2.208m), Highway Management (excluding maintenance) (underspend of £0.101m), Resources and Improvement (underspend of £0.119m), unallocated budgets (overspend of £0.266m), Waste Management (overspend of £0.440m) and Countryside (underspend of £0.172m). Of the total controllable underspend, ring-fenced commitments total £1.680m, leaving a balance of £0.892m underspend. £0.580m of the underspend has been allocated to specific projects and initiatives agreed by Cabinet. The remaining underspend of £0.312m would be transferred to the general reserve.

Budget reductions totalling £7.259m were allocated for the portfolio for 2014-15. £6.281m of these were achieved by the year end. Waste Disposal and Increased Income on Permit Scheme were unable to meet their efficiency savings.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report;

(2) to approve the transfer to/from the reserves as outlined in the report; and

(3) that the underspends outlined in the report be carried forward and ring-fenced, where stated, in accordance with the County Council's Financial Regulations.

107/15 **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 7 July 2015.
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy Transport and Environment on Proposed Acquisition of Land on the Ripley Greenway, Butterley Hill, Ripley. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person, including the authority holding that information)