

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 8 June 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor S A Spencer

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P Smith

59/17 PETITIONS RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
Ilkeston, Heanor Road – Request to Investigate Options to Raise the Pavement at The Bridge	83	Councillor T King
Nether Heage, Bentfield Road – Request for Additional Street Lighting	39	Councillor T Ainsworth
Castleton, How Lane, Back Street, Bargate, Mill Bridge, Castle Street and Buxton Road – Objection to Proposed On-Street Parking Charges and Waiting Restrictions	62	Councillor J Perkins
Holmesfield, Main Street B6054 – Parking Issues	33	Councillor A Foster

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

60/17 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 11 April 2017 be received.

61/17 RAIL NORTH LTD Rail North Limited (RNL) was a consortium of 25 Northern Local Transport Authorities and Combined Authorities set up to jointly

manage, with Department for Transport (DfT), the Northern and Trans Pennine rail franchises. The East Midlands regional representation on RNL (comprising Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and, Nottinghamshire County Councils and Nottingham City Council) was 9% of the total RNL voting rights with Derbyshire County Council's (DCC's) individual share at 1.4%. RNL has been in receipt of Rail Administration Grant monies from City Combined Authorities, as well as DfT administrative contributions and DCC's share of the partner authorities contribution was £504 in 2015-16 and £515 in 2016-17. For 2017-18 the contribution was expected to be £525. At the last Association of Rail North Partner Authorities meeting on 16 March 2017, it was agreed that each Partner would also be liable for an Additional Contribution of the same amount as the 2017-18 annual subscription to cover the increasing RNL workload. This could be waived if Partner Authorities provided some Officer resource to cover that cost. It was proposed that some officer time on specialist working groups to assist RNL be offered to waive the need to pay the Additional Contribution.

In terms of governance, each of the 25 authorities eligible to join RNL was a member of the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities and regional members select one partner to be a Regional Director, with a Deputy. For the East Midlands, the Derbyshire Cabinet Member (HTI) was elected as the Regional Director, with his counterpart at Nottingham City Council his deputy. Following the elections in May 2017 these roles would need to be revisited and agreed with the other East Midlands councils.

For 2017-18, the RNL Business Plan focuses on the need to update the RNL Long Term Rail Strategy and aligns with the rapid establishment of Transport for the North (TfN) as the first Sub National Strategic Transport body to cover the majority of the Rail North area. It was intended that TfN and RNL merge their activities, however this presented an issue for East Midlands Local Authority members as their Sub National Strategic Transport body would be Midlands Connect. TfN has agreed in principle that East Midlands Authorities would become Associate Members of TfN through RNL membership with full voting rights and details would be negotiated shortly.

It was appropriate that any new agreement with TfN in relation to East Midlands Authorities (either collectively or individually) and the Northern and TransPennine Express franchise agreements, together with Associate Membership with full voting rights, was entered into to ensure that existing arrangements continue.

RESOLVED (1) to note the update in Rail North Ltd and Transport for the North activities;

(2) that the payment of the estimated £525 subscription to Rail North Ltd for 2017-18 to cover administration costs be approved, and to approve the payment of the same amount as an Additional Contribution to Rail North Ltd, should the offer of some Officer support not be agreed;

(3) that the Director of Legal Services be approved to sign a new Rail North Membership Agreement including Associate Membership of Transport for the North with full voting rights; and

(4) to authorise Member involvement in agreeing the roles of Rail North Ltd/Transport for the North for the North Regional Director and Deputy.

62/17 **SOUTH EAST MANCHESTER RAIL STUDY** Transport for Greater Manchester [TfGM] has embarked on a series of studies around its area to gather information and help provide supporting analysis. It has now reached the stage where it has commissioned a study into services in South-East Manchester and wants to involve adjacent Local Authorities in the process. It has approached the County Council and others in Greater Manchester to share in this work.

The study sought to develop an in-depth understanding of the rail market in the area which would then be utilised to inform the development of an agreed rail strategy that was founded on robust interpretation of the evidence and supports appropriate policy. For the County Council, an inclusive approach to solving rail issues in the area would help to resolve current issues that have been developed piecemeal over many years and created disparate policies, often in the middle of an existing rail line.

It was recommended that, in view of the number of Derbyshire lines covered by this work that an offer of £6,480, 10% of the cost of the Study, be made to TfGM.

RESOLVED to (1) authorise the involvement of the County Council in the South East Manchester Rail Study; and

(2) approve a contribution of £6,480 to the South East Manchester Rail Study.

63/17 **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 receive the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2017.
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Development of a Mountain Bike Trail at Glapwell – Stockley Ponds Countryside site, in Partnership with Bolsover District Council. (contains information relating to the financial or

business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information))