

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND PLANNING

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2018

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Transport and Planning held on Thursday, 15 November 2018. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Louise Cook and Catherine Clarke (job-share).

3. FOSSGATE PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS

Resolved:

- (i) That the implementation of the proposed scheme as shown in Annex C be approved.

Reason: The proposals serve to provide much needed improvements to enhance the layout of the street in support of the recent change in traffic flow direction, thereby improving the quality and experience for pedestrians with additional crossing facilities, widened footways and sections of the road raised to improve accessibility. By renovating the junction of Pavement and modifying the Merchantgate junction, this will provide improved connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists to access Fossgate.

- (ii) That approval be given to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order required to amend the parking and waiting restrictions on Fossgate associated with the measures and to give approval to implement the changes to the TRO if no objections are received. If objections are received to the TRO advertisement, these will be reported back to the Executive Member for a decision.

Reason: to enable the parking and waiting restrictions to be amended and implemented concurrent to the proposed scheme

- (iii) That approval be given to undertake a future, more focussed consultation on the potential to pedestrianise Fossgate either in full or partially, noting that any consultation would not take place until works on the scheme had been completed and after options for pedestrianisation had been presented to the Executive Member.

Reason: The consultation has highlighted that there is a strong desire to pedestrianise Fossgate.

- (iv) That the recommendations of the Economy and Place Policy Development - Pre Decision Call In were taken into consideration in coming to a decision.

Reason: To consider the views of Councillors through the Pre Decision Scrutiny process.

4. BRIDGE MANAGEMENT

Resolved:

- (i) That the adoption of the new risk based highway structure inspection procedure, in order for City of York Council to comply with the recommendations within the code of practice, Well Managed Highway Structures, be noted.

Reason: To enable the continued management of City of York Council highway structures.

- (ii) That the proposed programme of bridge works be approved.

Reason: To enable the maintenance of City of York Council highway structures to continue.

5. CHANGES TO PERMIT EMISSION CHARGES

Resolved:

- (i) That the implementation of Option 3 be approved as follows:-

Update permit rates to align with vehicle tax (VED) bandings and change the discount threshold to 75g/km or less with implementation from April 2019 with acquired rights for existing vehicles/permits to end no later than April 2023.

- (ii) That the advertisement of the changes to the terms of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) with any objections reported back to a future Decision Session if required, be approved and that, if no objections are received, the implementation of the changes be authorised.

Reason: To come into line with the Government changes to VED and update the council's outdated policy that in turn would seek to encourage Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) car ownership and support the One Planet York initiative.

6. MARYGATE CAR PARK SYSTEMS

Resolved:

- (i) That the updates provided in the report of the Marygate car park system and what has been put in place to improve its operation, be noted.
- (ii) That work should be started on options for replacing the current system.
- (iii) That it be agreed that the trial continues with the new 1st line maintenance regime in place and monitor the effectiveness of it and bring back a report at a later date to the Executive Member to update on the progress made and request the procurement of a new system(s) be taken forward with any supporting recommendations at that time.

Reasons:

- (i) The council recognises that the pay on exit system had performed intermittently and had continued to deteriorate resulting in a loss of revenue. As a result a new 1st line

maintenance contract had been put in place and was showing positive results in helping to reduce the downtime of the system.

- (ii) Work was also underway to research a new system and produce a specification for tender. This will recognise that customers require a parking system that increases dwell time in the city centre and avoid them having to come back to top up their parking, which was a view supported by the York BID.

7. STREET LIGHTING POLICY

Resolved:

- (i) That the redrafted Street Lighting Policy be approved
- (ii) That delegation be given to the Assistant Director, (Transport, Highways and Environment), in consultation with the Executive Member for Transport and Planning, to add a further section to the policy to ensure that Ward Councillors and Parish Councils are consulted on columns in conservation areas as well as the full programme of column replacements being published. This will need to include a mechanism based on majority public opinion for Ward Councillors to request a review by the Executive Member.
- (iii) That the Streetscape Strategy and Guidance be taken into consideration but treated as guidance only, and not policy, until such time as it is reviewed and adopted.

Reason: To ensure a proportionate and consistent approach to the management of street lighting across the city.

8. HAXBY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ASSESSMENT RESULTS AND PROPOSALS

Resolved: That Option 1 be approved – to acknowledge the outcome of the crossing assessments on York Road and Greenshaw Drive in Haxby and approve the proposed course of action for each site.

Reason: To understand the processes which officers had gone through to assess each site and the reasoning

behind the proposed improvements. Approval of the action plans would enable further work to be undertaken where necessary to draw up a scheme for each site and to undertake consultation on the proposals.

9. STREETWORKS PERMITS

Resolved:

- (i) That the commencement of feasibility work, to look at scheme development and cost benefit analysis (work stages 1 and 2), be approved.
- (ii) That the procurement of such works through the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Services Framework be approved.
- (iii) That the funding of feasibility work from transport budgets, be approved. This costs approximately £41,300.
- (iv) That a further report be presented to the Executive following completion of work stages 1 & 2.

Reasons:

- (i) To respond positively to the letter received from the Minister for Transport, Chris Grayling, which sought that all local highway authorities now pursue the implementation of a Permit Scheme within their respective boundaries.
- (ii) To ensure that the local highway authority continued to fulfil its statutory duties under the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 (NRSWA) and Traffic Management Act 1994 (TMA).

10. WALMGATE BAR TRAFFIC SIGNAL REFURBISHMENT

Resolved: That Option 1 be agreed – to approve the proposed preliminary junction layout shown in Annex B to the report.

Reason: To mitigate the risk of failure of the junctions signal equipment.