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| Meeting | Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport and Planning |
| Date | 18 January 2018 |
| Present | Councillor Gillies |

51. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

52. Minutes

Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2017 as a correct record.

53. Public Participation

It was reported that one member of the public and two ward councillors had registered to speak under the Council's Scheme of Participation. It was explained that speakers would be taken under the appropriate items of business on the agenda.

54. Transport Programme Updates – 2017/18 Monitor 2 Report

The Executive Member considered the report which set out progress to date on schemes in the 2017/18 Economy & Place Transport Capital Programme, including budget spend to the end of November 2017 and proposed adjustments to scheme allocations to align with the latest cost estimates and delivery projections.

Resolved: (i) To approve the amendments to the 2017/18 Economy & Place Transport Capital Programme.

(ii) To note the reduction to the 2017/18 Economy & Place Transport Capital Programme and the movement of funding to 2018/19, subject to the approval of the Executive.

Reason: To implement the council's transport strategy identified in York's third Local Transport Plan and the Council Priorities, and deliver schemes identified in the council's Transport Programme.

55. Union Terrace Traffic Regulation Order objections

Cllr Craghill spoke as ward councillor in support of Option 2, as detailed in the resolution below, and hoped that the traffic on Union Terrace would continue to be carefully monitored.

The Executive Member considered the report which set out representations made during the formal advertising period of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend existing restrictions as part of a redevelopment project in the street.

Resolved: To implement a slightly lesser restriction to that advertised by reducing the 24 hour loading-only bay operating hours to between 7am and 8.30pm (Option 2 of the report).

Reason: To respond to the concerns raised during the consultation process.

56. Petition for a formal pedestrian crossing on Lowther Steet near Park Grove Primary School

Mr Gordon Campbell-Thomas spoke in support of the proposed investigation and explained the petitioners' wish was to find an effectively solution to reducing traffic speed and increasing road-crossing safety, in whatever form that might take.

Cllr Looker, as ward councillor, reported the high volume of traffic she had regularly witnessed on the street and her hope that longer-term work could be done to improve parking and tackle use of the street as a cut-through between larger roads.

Cllr Craghill, as ward councillor, expressed her support for the points raised by the other speakers and asked that a timescale be placed on the completion of the investigation.

The Executive Member acknowledged receipt of a 220 signature petition for a signalised pedestrian crossing on Lowther Street as detailed in the report which also detailed previous assessments undertaken at this location. He considered the comments made during the public participation and confirmed with officers that the investigation could be undertaken within the next financial year.

Resolved: (i) To acknowledge receipt of the 220 signature petition and note the work which had been undertaken to assess whether this site is suitable for formal pedestrian crossing facilities and for a School Crossing Patrol.

(ii) To instruct officers to investigate, within their 2018/19 programme of works, the feasibility of other potential engineering measures to improve this section of Lowther Street for pedestrians.

Reason: (i) To note the wishes of the signatories and to note work which has previously been undertaken by officers to assess the suitability of the site.

(ii) To assess whether other engineering options are feasible which would help pedestrians to cross the road.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.15 pm].