

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport and Planning
Date	8 September 2016
Present	Councillor Gillies (Executive Member)

## **26. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have in relation to the business on the agenda. None were declared.

## **27. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 11 August were approved as a correct record and signed by the Executive Member.

## **28. Public Participation - Decision Session**

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme on the following item:

### 4. Petition: Lighting on Walmgate Stray

Mr Paul Hepworth spoke, on behalf of Cycling UK, to urge support for a separately proposed alternative trial of luminescent "wayfinder" path edge markers. He expressed concern that the Walking and Cycling Officer was unaware of the report and that the report did not refer to the role of the path across the stray as part of the York Cycle Network, merely as a footpath.

Mr Dave Merrett, a resident who regularly uses the footpath, spoke broadly in support of the proposal. He stated that he welcomed the need to protect the strays from light intrusion and highlighted the importance of night-time spaces. However, he did feel that the path could benefit from some alterations.

Firstly, he suggested cutting back vegetation and marking the path edges with luminous paint. Secondly, he proposed consideration of some form of additional lighting at the barracks end of the path. This would counteract the 'pooling' of darkness on the path created by the bright lighting from inside the boundary wall of the barracks.

## **29. Petition: Lighting on Walmgate Stray**

The Executive Member was asked to consider a report concerning a petition, which closed on 7 July 2016, requesting that City of York Council install lighting on the footpaths through Walmgate Stray.

Officers clarified that the Walking and Cycling Officer had indeed been aware of the report, and that the trial of 'waymarkers' was a separate issue to the one under consideration.

The Executive Member noted the public speakers comments, alongside written representations from Councillors D'Agorne and Taylor. He stated that he felt the use of luminous paint was something that could be considered as part of the separate 'waymarking' trial.

The following options were then considered

- A. To recommend to Council through the budget process allocation of capital funding to under take a more detailed feasibility study to provide the lighting requested.
- B. To refer the safety concerns expressed in the petition to other appropriate forums

Resolved: That the Executive Member for Transport and Planning

- I. Noted the petition
- II. Referred the safety concerns expressed in the petition to the appropriate partnership forums.

Reason: To consider an appropriate response to the concerns whilst ensuring that street lighting budgets are used effectively and works are not carried out that would deliver wider negative impact.

Cllr I Gillies, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.10 pm].