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MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY
DATE	13 MARCH 2013
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR MERRETT (CABINET MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR CUTHBERTSON

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**31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda.

The Cabinet Member declared a personal interest as an honorary member of the Cycle Touring Club and

**32. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the decision session held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to an amendment to resolution (iv) on the provision of subsidised bus services item to read:

The Cabinet Member also asked that a plan B be considered to solve the issues surrounding the route 15 should tenders exceed the Council funding allocation for the simple service continuation.

**33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

There were two registered speakers in respect of agenda item 6 'Considerations of Recommendations of E Planning Consultation Facilities Scrutiny Review Task Group.

Peter Vaughan had registered to speak as a Parish Councillor for Wigginton. He welcomed the recommendations particularly those relating to training and assistance for Parish Councils. He agreed that Planning Panels should operate in a similar way to Council Planning Committees. He reiterated the problems experienced in the past and agreed that an approved e planning system, constitution and framework to develop a fair process was necessary.

Councillor Cuthbertson had registered to speak on behalf of Councillor Runciman who was the Chair of the E Planning Task Group. He had been asked to state that Parish Councils are keen to see a decision making system in place. He advised that Parish Councils welcomed access to training and a room to use at West Offices if possible.

#### **34. STRATEGIC CYCLE NETWORK REVIEW**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented a revised strategic cycle route network for approval to take to the Local Plan Working Group. The network would then replace the one adopted in the previous Local Plan.

The Cabinet Member advised that following consideration of the consultation responses, he had identified 22 additional schemes.

He asked that his thanks be recorded to everyone who made comments during the consultation period.

**RESOLVED:** That the Cabinet Member

- (i) Approved Option B and approved the revised strategic cycling network map in order that it can be taken to the Local Plan Working Group for potential inclusion in the emerging Local Plan. The network would then replace the

previous version adopted several years ago.

- (ii) Approved the cycling scheme prioritisation methodology and prioritised list of schemes and use them as the evidence base for both development management and transport capital programme investment.
- (iii) Approved an additional list of schemes following comments received during the consultation period. The list will be attached to the minutes of this decision session for information.

REASON:

- (i) To help achieve an effective future cycling network to ensure future developments take it into account and contribute towards it.
- (ii) To influence future development in the city and to shape future Transport Capital Programmes.
- (iii) In response to issues raised during the consultation period.

### **35. SUSTAINABLE CITY PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which provided an update on progress made against the Sustainable City actions set out across the Council Plan 'Protect the Environment' theme, The WoW City Plan and the Climate Change Framework and Action Plan.

Officers outlined the report and highlighted the large amount of work undertaken city-wide on climate change, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Cabinet Member queried the Councils Internal Carbon Management Plan. In response, Officers confirmed that it would be possible to draw up a 5 to 7 year action plan and for a report to be brought detailing the programme of work for the next period.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Cabinet Member noted the significant progress made towards the headline objective of being a leading sustainable city where activity is being led by City of York Council.
  - (ii) That the Cabinet Member asked for a report to be brought to a future decision session detailing plans for the next 5 years for the Councils Internal Carbon Management Plan.

REASON: To keep the Cabinet Member informed on progress against the Sustainable City actions set out across the Council Plan.

**36. CONSIDERATIONS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF E PLANNING CONSULTATION FACILITIES SCRUTINY REVIEW TASK GROUP.**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which set out the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review into E-Planning Facilities.

The Cabinet Member commented that he agreed the Scrutiny Review recommendations 1 to 11.

In relation to recommendation 12 he asked that the Terms of Reference for Planning Panels as produced by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate, be amended to address issues raised during the Scrutiny Review around transparency and accountability. In particular he asked that Planning Panel members should have to declare interests at the same level as a council committee.

The Officers Update is attached online to these minutes for information.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Approved the proposed recommendations 1 to 11 arising from the scrutiny review and the methods of implementation as detailed in the report.
- (ii) That the Cabinet Member did not agree recommendation 12 and asked that the planning panel terms of reference be amended (further details in the update attached to the minutes).

REASON: To complete the Scrutiny Review and address issues raised.

#### **MINUTE ANNEX**

CLLR D MERRETT, Cabinet Member  
[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.30 pm].