
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport and Planning
Date	11 May 2017
Present	Councillor Gillies

72. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda. He declared that he had none.

73. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 13 April 2017 be signed and approved by the Executive Member as a correct record.

74. Public Participation - Decision Session

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Parish Councillor Lawrence Mattinson, representing Strensall & Towthorpe Parish Council spoke in relation to Agenda Item 4 – York Road Strensall – proposed pedestrian crossings. He questioned the validity of the analysis of the findings from the feasibility study, and confirmed his view that the proposed crossing points would make it easier to cross Strensall Road but not safer.

It was noted that a written representation had also been received from the Chair of Strensall & Towthorpe Parish Council in regard to the same agenda item, clarifying the parish council's views on the analysis of the council's survey findings and the proposals within the officer report.

75. York Road Strensall, Proposed Pedestrian Crossings

The Executive Member considered a report which asked him to approve the installation of new pedestrian crossing points and the enhancement of existing crossings, along York Road in Strensall. The report proposed funding the works from the speed management and pedestrian crossing budgets to supplement the ward funding that had been allocated for the provision of pedestrian facilities.

The Executive Member noted the representations received from members of Strensall & Towthorpe Parish Council, and considered the options detailed within the report i.e.:

- Option 1: To provide all of the proposed crossings with funding from the speed management and pedestrian crossing budgets and input from ward funding
- Option 2: To install the proposed crossings in priority order as detailed in paragraphs 10-12 of the report
- Option 3: To do nothing

The Executive Member noted that the proposals were in line with the council's protocol for the placing of crossings and accepted that the proposed positioning of the new crossing took account of the surrounding environment and infrastructure.

Resolved: That;

- i. New pedestrian crossing points be installed and existing crossings enhanced, along York Road in Strensall in line with Option 1 and as detailed on the plan at Annex A of the report.
- ii. Funding be allocated from the speed management and pedestrian crossing budgets to supplement the ward funding that is allocated for provision of pedestrian facilities.

Reason: To improve pedestrian access to public transport and local amenities and to reduce traffic speeds.

76. Haxby Road (north of New Earswick) Triple Speed Cushion Replacement Trials

The Executive Member considered a report proposing the trial replacement of the existing triple speed-cushion arrangements at two sites on Haxby Road to the north of New Earswick. In order to identify the most appropriate layout for each site, the report detailed two different layouts, both to be evaluated over a three-month period.

The Executive Member considered the four options detailed in the report i.e.:

- Option 1: Undertake a 3-month trial replacement of the 3-cushion layouts with a different layout at each location.
- Option 2: Undertake two separate 3-month trials to replace the 3-cushion layouts using a different type of layout for each trial.
- Option 3: Retain the current 3-cushion layouts and investigate alternative methods to reduce vibration and reduce potential conflict between drivers and cyclists.
- Option 4: Do nothing

Having noted that complaints had been received about the potential danger to cyclists from drivers negotiating the speed-cushions currently in place, the Executive Member accepted that the proposed trial of some alternative traffic calming layouts would lead to improvements for road users.

Resolved:

- i) That the proposed trial laid out in Option 1 of the report be undertaken in order to identify whether there is a more appropriate layout to that which is currently in-situ at the two sites on Haxby Road.
- ii) That trial be undertaken for three months and the findings reported back to a future Executive Member Decision Session

Reason: To enable officers to evaluate and seek approval for the final replacement layout.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.16 pm].

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