
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DATE	23 NOVEMBER 2011
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER (CABINET MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR WARTERS

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests she may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that Councillor Warters had registered to speak under the general remit and under both agenda items. He made the following comments under the general remit:

In relation to garden waste collection, he had received comments from residents in his Ward regarding the suspension of 1 garden waste collection in November. He queried whether it would be more practical to abandon a collection in February instead, as residents still had a significant amount of garden waste in November.

He queried whether the location of street signs fell under the remit of the Communities and Neighbourhoods or City Strategy. He stated that it would be useful if signs located on grass verges in the Osbaldwick Ward could be moved on to walls where possible to avoid obstructing grass cutting and the signs being damaged.

He also queried the placing of dog fouling stickers on street lights in the Osbaldwick Ward as the street lights may soon be being painted.

The Cabinet Member noted the above comments and said they would be taken on board.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the decision session held on 18 October were approved and signed as a correct record.

15. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - ADVANCED DESIGN ON PROGRAMMES FOR 2012-2013

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods considered a report which outlined the provisional highway maintenance surfacing programme. It recommended and sought approval to begin advanced design for a list of schemes in each category of work.

Officers outlined the report and advised that the scheme was currently provisional as the exact level of funding is unknown until February.

The Cabinet Member commented that she was pleased to see consultation with the Reinvigorate York panel and the proposed schemes for the City Centre, in particular Goodramgate. Sir Ron Cooke who was present at the meeting, commented that Kings Square was also in urgent need of repair. The Cabinet Member asked that Officers noted the issues at Kings Square.

Councillor Warters spoke to highlight the ongoing issues with Tranby Avenue in the Osbaldwick Ward. Officers acknowledged the problems in Tranby Avenue and confirmed that a significant amount of funding had been provisionally allocated to undertake further work. The Cabinet Member advised Councillor Warters that he could put in a request for a formal investigation to the Cabinet or to the Leader of the Council should he wish to take the matter further.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:

(i) Noted the results of the 2011 condition surveys on the city's roads and footways.

(ii)Approved the split in funding between footways and roads on a 40/60 basis.

(iii)Approved the provisional programme of work listed in Annex 2 and 3 of the report.

REASON: To ensure the Highway Maintenance budget is expended in the most cost effective way based on the Council's assessed priorities and approved policies.

16. ANNUAL REPORT – PARKING SERVICES 02010/11

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods considered a report which introduced the Annual Parking Services Report for the financial year 2010/11. The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the publication of the report on the Council's website.

Officers outlined the report, in particular that the Secretary of State's 'Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions' states that local authorities should produce annual reports on their enforcement activities.

Councillor Warters who had registered to speak on this item queried enforcement activity against grass verge parking and vehicles obstructing pavements. Officers advised that it is difficult to prevent such occurrences and that a bye law for York would be too costly.

The Cabinet Member advised that she was happy to approve the report for publication.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member considered the report and agreed to its publication on the Council's website.

REASON: To comply with statutory guidance to provide information and transparency about parking services enforcement in York.

Councillor Looker, Chair.

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 5.10 pm].