
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport and Planning
Date	10 November 2016
Present	Councillor Gillies (Executive Member)
In Attendance	Councillor Cannon

39. 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. No additional interests were declared.

40. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 13 October 2016 be signed and then approved by the Executive Member as a correct record.

41. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been six registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme. One Member of Council had also registered to speak.

5) Policy on Streets maintained at private expense and Highway powers relating to urgent repairs

Aileen Hingston commended the policy, in reference to Wilton Rise. This was a partly private road and the public had to drive through it to access the public park.

6) Road Safety Review 2016

Paul Hepworth spoke about the need for greater consistent Government funding for cycling in the city and a joint approach across Local Authorities to lobby for investment.

7) Residents Parking Petitions-Beresford Terrace/Finsbury Avenue

Ken Mordue spoke about how he felt there was a need for residents parking on Beresford Terrace and Finsbury Avenue. He informed the Executive Member that recent parking restrictions on Aldreth Grove had displaced vehicles onto Beresford Terrace and Finsbury Avenue. Parking restrictions on Maple Grove had also added to additional vehicle displacement. There had also been a detrimental effect of increased parking on grass verges. Visitors to nearby Rowntree Park were not using the assigned car park but Beresford Terrace and Finsbury Avenue.

One further speaker had registered under this item but did not attend the meeting.

7) Residents Parking Petition-Railway Terrace

Aileen Hingston spoke in reference to the perception that parking problems in the St Paul's area were caused by commuters parking close to the end of Railway Terrace in order to use the footbridge to reach the railway station or city centre. She supported the Officer's recommendation for a consultation of the whole area as shown in Annex B2.

7) Residents Parking Petition- Railway Terrace and Phoenix Boulevard (St Peter's Quarter)

Councillor Cannon felt that there were two main issues that called for residents parking in the area. Firstly, the rise in commuter parking at the footbridge end of Railway Terrace and Holgate Road end. Secondly, the implications of the Holgate Road cycle scheme had a number of consequences such as problems for the number 44 bus route and free parking being removed. She suggested that alternative methods be explored such as special commuter rate on the Park and Ride to discourage non residential parking.

7) Residents Parking Petition- Railway Terrace and Phoenix Boulevard (St Peter's Quarter)

Peter Emsley talked about the need for managed parking for visitors. He also felt that a greater amount of discipline was needed and that disabled parking bays should not be blocked.

42. Response to Petition: Advertising Boards ('A' Boards) and other Equipment on the Public Highway

The Executive Member received a report which advised him of the receipt of a petition which sought an amendment to the resolution of the Executive made on 25 August 2016, in respect of Advertising Boards ('A' Boards) and other equipment on the public highway, and made recommendations in response to the petition.

It was reported that a further consultation event had taken place since the Executive meeting in August. The Executive Member had also received photographs from a local resident which showed the city in the early morning before the 'A' Boards had been set out and afterwards when they were all on display. The requests for 'A' Boards in the prohibited zone of Micklegate would be kept on a register to see how this would work and then the Executive would in twelve months time decide whether to implement the policy full time.

Resolved: That the resolution of the Executive, of 25 August 2016, as highlighted at Annex B of the Officer's report be reaffirmed.

Reason: (i) To provide adequate control of the many and varied obstructions (particularly for those with impaired mobility for example, blind and/or partially sighted) temporarily located on the public highway. This taking into account of the Council's responsibilities under the Highways Act 1980, the Equality Act 2010 and Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

(ii) To mitigate the impact on the visual amenity of the conservation area and setting of the many listed buildings in the city centre.

(iii) To contribute further to the removal of street clutter, improve the street scene and public realm.

43. Policy on Streets maintained at private expense and Highway Powers relating to urgent repairs

The Executive Member considered a report which asked to note the contents of this report covering the issue of streets within the city boundary which are maintained at private expense and endorse it as a refresh of the substantive council policy.

The Executive Member considered the comments made by the speaker under Public Participation and stated that whatever methods taken would be incur expense. He questioned how the roads were never adopted in the first place and mentioned wider aspects of adoption, such as traffic flow. He stated that he was happy to agree to an increase in the council contribution towards initial preparatory estimates/design works, to above the current 55%.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the review be noted and advice accepted.
 - (ii) That the methodology for the undertaking of a Private Streetworks (PSW) scheme (at 34) be ratified.
 - (iii) That the council contribution towards initial preparatory estimates/design, above the current 55% be amended.
 - (iv) That Officers re-consult the 12 streets ranked highest (as listed in **Annex A** of the Officer's report) and those which have previously submitted a petition expressing an interest.
 - (v) That any requests submitted in line with the above will require a report to the Executive making recommendations and seeking the necessary resources to progress.

Reason: To ensure that a policy on private streets in the city is endorsed.

44. Road Safety Review 2016

Consideration was given by the Executive Member to an overview report of the work undertaken by the City of York's Road Safety team.

The Executive Member urged for greater promotion of the Bikeability training.

Resolved: (i) That the relatively low level of casualties in the York area compared to other authorities in the region be noted.

(ii) That the work planned to be undertaken by the Road Safety team in the coming year with the expectation that further reports will be issued providing updates on the measures being taken be supported.

(iii) That the '95 Alive' Speed Management Protocol, continue to be adopted, to work to overcome current challenges for the next six months and that a further report be brought documenting progress in Summer 2017.

Reason: To demonstrate that the council is committed to working with regional and local partners to ensure that casualty reduction is given the priority it requires.

45. Residents Parking Petitions

The Executive Member considered a series of residents parking petitions.

South Bank Avenue

A written representation from Councillor Gunnell had also been received in respect of the South Bank Avenue petition.

Consideration was given by the Executive Member to the following options:

Option 1 : To note but take no action because the petition does not represent the whole street.

Option 2: To approve the initial consultation just on the section of street the signatures represent.

Option 3: To approve the initial consultation for the whole of the street, but bearing in mind the differences in the two parts of the street have the fall back option of taking forward a scheme if just the petition section of the street is in favour.

Following consideration of the representations and comments received;

Resolved: That Option 3 be approved.

Reason: To progress residents requests.

Beresford Terrace/Finsbury Avenue area

Officers reported that in regards to the Beresford Terrace/Finsbury Avenue Petition, an additional petition in support of residents parking had been received.

Option 1: To approve the initial consultation for the above 2 streets only.

Option 2: To approve the initial consultation for the wider area as shown in Annex C3.

Following consideration of the comments made under Public Participation and representations received;

Resolved: That Option 2 be approved.

Reason: To progress residents requests

Railway Terrace/St Paul's Terrace Area

A map was circulated to the Executive Member which showed additional streets to be consulted on residents parking, for Railway Terrace.

Regarding the extension for residents parking on to private streets in the area, it was noted that if a request was submitted that all the residents in the street would need to agree to it.

Consideration was given by the Executive Member to the following options:

Option 1: To approve the initial consultation on the adopted sections of the highway only

Option 2: To approve the initial consultation to cover the whole (area as shown in Annex B2).

Following consideration of the comments made under Public Participation and representations received;

Resolved: That the initial consultation be approved with minor amendments by Officers in the coverage of the area of consultation.

Reason: To progress residents requests.

Phoenix Boulevard

Consideration was given by the Executive Member to the following options:

Option 1: To note the petition but take no action at this time.

Option 2: Approve the initial consultation.

Following consideration of the comments made under Public Participation and the representations received;

Resolved: That Option 2 be approved.

Reason: To progress residents requests.

Further requests for residents parking

Resolved: That further requests for residents parking in the city be added to a list in date order.

Reason: To treat fairly these requests and aid future workload planning.

46. Haxby to Strensall Speed Limit Petition

Consideration was given to a report which informed the Executive Member of a report which acknowledged the receipt of a petition requesting the reduction of the speed limit on the rural roads between Haxby and Strensall and the introduction of traffic calming measures such as chicanes.

Resolved: That the petition be noted and that the issue be considered as part of the annual accident and prevention measures across the city.

Reason: To respond to residents concerns in a practical manner whilst prioritising the resources available to the reduction of injury on the highway in the authority area.

Cllr I Gillies, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.40 pm].