

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability
Date	4 September 2013
Present	Councillor Looker
Apologies	Councillor Merrett

11. Declarations of Interest

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

12. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last decision session held on 19th July 2013 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

13. Public Participation - Decision Session

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

14. Haxby to Clifton Moor Cycle Route

The Cabinet Member considered a report which provided details of feedback received following a recent consultation on proposals to create an off-road shared cycle and pedestrian route along the A1237 (Outer Ring Road) corridor between the Haxby Road roundabout and the B1363 (Wigginton Road) roundabout. The report also advised of the outcome of more recent design work and sought approval to advertise the necessary Traffic Restriction Orders and to commence the implementation of the scheme proposals.

Officers outlined the proposals and provided the Cabinet Member with an update as follows:

- It was reported that comments received from Councillor Cuthbertson had not been included in the agenda but had been noted by Officers.
- Further assessments into the current levels of queuing traffic on Haxby Road would be required in relation to the location of the proposed toucan crossing. It was proposed that further details on the toucan crossing would come back to a future meeting.
- Further discussions with Network Rail had revealed that the Network Rail construction phase would cost an additional 25 to 30k but officers were hopeful this could be managed through contingencies and through ongoing discussions with Network Rail.

In relation to the Public Rights of Way diversion and the Farmers Bridge element of the scheme, the Cabinet Member had some reservations about including these due to the necessity to keep costs down. Officers explained that there would be advantages to including the PROW diversion and bridge in the scheme. Officers agreed to further investigate the work required and report back to the Cabinet Member at a later date.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Approved the overall scheme layout, including the changes and additional measures proposed within this report (i.e. as per Option 2 in paragraph 45, and as illustrated in Annexes A,C,D, E, F & G.
- (ii) Agreed in principal the Toucan Crossing and PROW diversion as illustrated at Annexes B & H but deferred a final decision to enable further investigative work.
- (iii) Gave authorisation for all elements of the scheme to be implemented as soon as practically possible, which in some cases may need to be after associated Traffic Regulation Orders are put in place,
- (iv) Gave authorisation for the advertisement of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders relating to the following:

- An extension to the existing 20mph School Safety Zone on Haxby Road,
- An amendment to the speed limit on the roundabout junction of Haxby Road with the A1237 Outer Ring Road, along with authority to enact these Orders if no objections are received (any substantive objections to be considered at a future Officer in Consultation meeting).

(v) Gave authorisation for Officers to commence the necessary legal process for the proposed diversion of the existing Public Footpath, New Earswick No.1.

Reason: To provide a safe and convenient route for pedestrians and cyclists between the villages of Haxby, Wigginton and New Earswick with the Clifton Moor leisure and retail park. In addition, the route will form the key part of a wider 'Outer Orbital Route' for cycling and walking from Poppleton to the University of York via Clifton Moor and Monks Cross.

15. Petition to secure a ride around for £1 deal on bus transport for all young people of York

The Cabinet Member considered a report which highlighted the steps that had been taken since a petition requesting that young people be able to 'ride around for £1' was submitted in 2012.

Officers reported that there had been a yearly increase in children travelling on buses in York and July 2012 saw the introduction of the 'All York' ticket which enabled 11 to 18 year olds to travel all day for £1.30. September 2013 would see the launch of the 16-18 year old variant of the 'Yozone' proof of age card which will enable bus operators to offer a discount on adult fares.

The Cabinet Member welcomed the introduction of the 'All York' ticket and supported continued efforts by Officers and the Youth Council to secure the deal for all school holidays.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Noted that Bus Operators agreed the introduction of a discounted multi-operator 'All York' day ticket for 11-18 year olds for August 2013 (£1 cheaper than the normal All York 11-16 price).
- (ii) Noted that in line with widespread ambitions, City of York Council will introduce and distribute a 16-18 year old 'YOzone' proof of age card to enable operators to deliver a discount to this age range.
- (iii) Noted that City of York Council will continue to work with bus operators and other partners (eg the York Youth Council) to establish opportunities for further possible bus service and ticketing improvements.
- (iv) Endorsed further efforts by Officers to secure the 'All York' ticket for all school holidays.

Reason: This course of action will allow the Council to continue to work towards its stated aim of delivering a step change improvement to the bus network and will support the use of bus services by young people.

Councillor Looker, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.30 pm].