

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Economic Development
Date	11 December 2014
Present	Councillor Levene (Cabinet Member)
In Attendance	Councillors Orrell and D'Agorne

25. 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. None were declared.

26. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 30th October be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

27. Public Participation - Decision Session

It was reported there had been three registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Denise Craghill spoke regarding Agenda Item 5 (Response to Petition calling for a 20 mph Speed Limit in the Walmgate and Navigation Road areas). She welcomed the Officer's recommendation to note the petition and the strength of local support for a 20mph speed limit in the Walmgate and Navigation Road areas however she expressed disappointment in the rest of the recommendation to delay consideration until 2015-16, as she felt it was not impossible to implement a roll out in such a small area and the cost of doing so would not be huge to guarantee safer streets. She urged the Cabinet Member to adopt Option iii) to instruct the request to be actioned immediately and the scheme be added to the current year's Transport Capital Programme.

Linda Maggs spoke regarding Agenda Item 6 (Petition-Intake Lane, Dunnington). She spoke about the current parking situation on Intake Lane next to the play park and how concerns had been raised by the Friends of the park in regards to the safety of children both inside and outside of the park. She also added that cyclists rode at a fast speed alongside the park.

A representation had been received from Councillor Gunnell, the Ward Member, in respect of Agenda Item 7 (South Bank Avenue Petition) which stated that she would like consultation to take place with South Bank residents.

Councillor Orrell, the Ward Member, spoke in respect of Agenda Item 8 (Jockey Lane Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme). He spoke about how an increase car parking in the area had contributed to worsening air pollution levels and felt that this would get worse when the Community Stadium had been built. He also made comments about the proposed road surfacing and felt that this needed to be extended.

28. Response to Petition call for the implementation of a road closure in Peter Hill Drive and Court

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented a response to a 65 signature petition representing a large proportion of properties in Peter Hill Drive and Court requesting the implementation of a road closure to cut excessive speeding.

The Cabinet Member stated that he was happy to approve the Officer's recommendation as long as it was revisited by Officers in a year's time.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

Noted the request to implement a road closure to cut excessive speeding in Peter Hill Drive and Court but that no action be taken at this time.

Reason: A 20mph scheme is due to be put in place very shortly which aims to lead to a reduction in vehicle speeds.

29. Response to petition calling for a 20mph speed limit in the Walmgate and Navigation Road areas

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented a response to a petition received from residents of the Walmgate and Navigation Road areas of York requesting that the current programme of 20mph speed limits for residential areas be extended to include their neighbourhood in 2014.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

Noted the petition and the strength of local support for a 20mph speed limit and recommended that it be considered for inclusion within the future Transport Capital Programme for 2015-16.

Reason: To address residents concerns.

30. Response to Petition Requesting Waiting Restrictions - Intake Lane, Dunnington

The Cabinet Member considered a report which advised of a response to a 114 signature petition requesting the implementation of waiting restrictions outside the play area on Intake Lane, Dunnington. He thanked the petitioners for their submission.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

Agreed for a Traffic Regulation Order to be advertised in due course to prohibit waiting as set out on the plan in Annex B

Reason: To reduce parking close to and at a crossing point at the play area and hence reduce the concerns of the petitioners.

31. Response to Petition Calling for Traffic Calming Measures on South Bank Avenue

The Cabinet Member considered a report which outlined a response to a petition from residents of South Bank Avenue, calling for the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Acknowledged the residents' concerns about the speed of traffic.
- (ii) Advised Officers to work with petitioners to help take their concerns through the established speed management process.

Reason: This evidence based approach will enable the assessment of appropriate options in response to speed concerns on South Bank Avenue.

32. Jockey Lane Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme

The Cabinet Member considered a report which set out a revised scheme proposal for the Jockey Lane pedestrian and cycle scheme due to a land ownership problem which had arisen since the previous scheme was approved by the Cabinet Member in November 2013.

Regarding a comment raised about further alterations such as a right hand turn into The Range, Officers commented that this would have an impact on the access road and although the budget allocation for the scheme had increased this would not pay for the right hand turn.

In response to comments raised about resurfacing the road beyond the area proposed Officers reported that a reassessment would be carried out when the access road to Monks Cross stadium was developed. They added that following a recent meeting about the access roads a new design had been produced which included the reduction of tactiles and removal of elephant's feet. This was a change to an original submission as detailed in Annex C to the report.

Officers reported that a Safety Audit had said that the elephant's feet should be removed as it gave cyclists a false sense of security and suggested that signs be amended to show that vehicles going into and out of the accesses had priority. The Cabinet Member pointed out that since cyclists and cars needed to be in the area that signs should highlight that cyclists may be present in the area.

Officers informed the Cabinet Member that they were in the process of responding to the Audit to come up with an approach that was safest.

The Cabinet Member felt that he was not comfortable making amendments to the scheme at the meeting and suggested that Officers should incorporate the Safety Audit. Regarding other issues which had been raised such as the right hand turn into the Range and the extension of the resurfacing, he felt these proposals were more costly and so should not be revisited by Officers.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Delegates authority to the Director of City and Environmental Services to make alterations to the scheme to incorporate the Safety Audit in Annex C.
- (ii) Requires the Director of City and Environmental Services to be satisfied as to the safety of the scheme.

Reason: To address the land ownership problem as outlined in the report.

33. Highway Maintenance, Advance Programme for 2015-16

The Cabinet Member considered a report which outlined the provisional highway maintenance surfacing programme for 2015-2016. The report recommended and sought approval to begin advanced design for a list of schemes in each category of work.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member agreed to:

- (i) Maintain the split in funding between footways and roads on a 40/60 basis.
- (ii) Approve the provisional programme of work as attached at Annexes 1 and 2 of the report.

Reason: To allow for preparation of a programme of work for 2015-16.

34. City and Environmental Services Capital Programme - 2014/15 Monitor 1 Report

The Cabinet Member considered a report which set out the progress to date on schemes in the 2014/15 City and Environmental Services Capital Programme, including budget spend to the end of October 2014. The report also proposed adjustments to scheme allocations to align with the latest cost estimates and delivery projections.

During the meeting, the report was considered ahead of Agenda Item 8 (Jockey Lane Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme) (Minute Item 32 refers). This was because the decisions made at this time released the monies to allow the Jockey Lane Cycle and Pedestrian Improvement Scheme to proceed.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Approved the virement of funds within Highways and Transport budgets.
- (ii) Approved the amendments to the 2014/15 City and Environmental Services Capital Programme set out in Annexes 1 and 2.
- (iii) Agreed for additional funds to be made available for the Jockey Lane scheme from the removal of other proposed schemes from the Capital Programme.

Reason: To enable the effective management and monitoring of the Council's Capital programme.

Councillor D Levene, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.35 pm].