

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR CITY STRATEGY AND ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Member for City Strategy and Advisory Panel held on Monday 20 October 2008. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a key decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Jill Pickering.

4. BLOSSOM STREET MULTI MODAL STUDY - FEASIBILITY

Consideration was given to the following options:

Option 1 - accept the principal that the Blossom Street / Queen Street / Micklegate/Nunnery Lane junction should be altered and the streetscape of Blossom Street between this junction and its junction with Holgate Road should be enhanced to improve the accessibility and safety for all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists. The alterations and enhancements to be considered will have an impact on the operation of the junction and congestion to varying degrees. Subject to this, scheme options should be presented to a future EMAP for their relative benefits/disbenefits to be considered by Members in order to decide on a preferred option for further evaluation, consultation and detailed design.

Option 2 - reject the principal.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the report and its Annexes;
- (ii) Note that the Blossom Street/Queen Street/Micklegate/Nunnery Lane junction may be altered and agree in principle that the streetscape of Blossom Street between this junction and its junction with Holgate Road should be enhanced to improve the accessibility and safety for all road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.
- (iii) Note that any alterations and enhancements to be considered will have an impact on the operation of the

junction and congestion to varying degrees.

- (iv) Request Officers to undertake full consultation with residents, traders and road users in the Micklegate area before proceeding further with any design work which would limit access via Micklegate Bar and that the results of such consultation be reported back to the EMAP.
- (v) That Officers be asked to more fully consider the options for diverting cycle movements away from this junction (for example, by providing more direct routes linking to the Railway Station).
- (vi) Receive a further report from Officers at a future EMAP meeting describing potential options and how they satisfy, as far as is practicable, the key requirements.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: The study confirmed that current facilities for pedestrians and cyclists are less than ideal, evidenced by the number of accidents that have occurred in the past five years. Accepting the principal that the Blossom Street / Queen Street / Micklegate / Nunnery Lane junction should be altered and the streetscape of Blossom Street between this junction and its junction with Holgate Road should be enhanced, particularly and ultimately deciding on an option to address the issues as far as is practicable should improve safety for all road users, pedestrians and cyclists.

5. JAMES STREET LINK ROAD PHASE 2 - STAGE 1 TRAFFIC FORECAST REFRESH

Consideration was given to the following options:

Option 1 - Pursue the developer's signing of the Agreement requiring him to construct the remaining southern section of Phase 2 (P2S). Under this option, the Council is expected to make a contribution from the Local Transport Plan allocation for enhancing the minor access road that would have otherwise been constructed, to the desired standard for the link road.

If the developer decides not to proceed with the development (and the Council revokes the Planning Permission) then proceed with Option 2.

Option 2 - When the outcome of negotiations with the developer is known a further report on the financial implications is submitted

to EMAP for a decision to progress the commissioning of the remaining stages of the design programme so that P2S can be considered for inclusion in the 2009/10 capital programme.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the report and its Annexes;
- (ii) Await the outcome of negotiations with the developer and when they are known, a further report on the financial and legal implications be submitted to a future City Strategy EMAP meeting for a decision to be considered on:
 - Pursuing the developer's signing of the Agreement requiring them to construct the remaining southern section of Phase 2 (P2S)
 - Authorising the commissioning of the remaining stages of the design programme to enable P2S to be considered for inclusion in the 2009/10 capital programme.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: The modelling undertaken for the short remaining southern section of James Street Link Road shows that it would enhance the performance of Phase 1 and relieve congestion on several roads in the Foss Basin area of the city now and in the future. The initial financial assessment showed that this should be constructed as soon as possible to generate the most benefit. The Council also needs to be clear of the position and that of the developer regarding the development of the site off Layerthorpe through which the Link Road is to run, in order for it to reach a decision as to whether the developer or the council should fund the construction of the final section of the link road and when it should be constructed.

6. PETITION RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS REQUESTING THE PROVISION OF FORMAL CYCLE FACILITIES ON CRICHTON AVENUE

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to

- (i) Note the content of this information report;
- (ii) Note that Officers will report back to the EMAP meeting in Spring 2009 with proposals for the inclusion of this scheme in next years programme;
- (iii) Request Officers to respond to the residents responsible for putting the petition together.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: (i) (ii) To inform members of the work currently underway in relation to the petition.

(iii) To inform the petitioners of the ongoing work.

7. WATER END - PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR CYCLISTS

Members considered the following options:

Option One – implement the proposals as shown in Annex A of the report;

Option Two – make any changes to the proposals that Members consider necessary;

Option Three – no cycle improvement measures to be implemented.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

- (i) That the Executive Member for City Strategy be advised to approve Option One, to implement the proposals as detailed in Annex A of the report;
- (ii) That Officers undertake a separate examination of the problems reported in relation to traffic leaving the city wishing to turn left into Water End, turning left at the traffic lights rather than using the slip road onto Water End thereby causing additional congestion.

Decision of the Executive Member for City Strategy

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: These proposals will provide significant improvements for cyclists on Water End, and contribute to the aims of the Council as a Cycling City.

