

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport and Planning
Date	9 March 2017
Present	Councillor Gillies (Executive Member)

59. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests not included on the Register of Interests that he might have had in the business on the agenda. He declared that he had none.

60. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Decision Session held on 9 February 2017 be signed and then approved by the Executive Member as a correct record.

61. Public Participation - Decision Session

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Dave Merrett spoke in relation to Agenda Item 6 (Economy and Place Capital Programme-2017/18 Budget Report). He made comments about lighting on Walmgate Stray and asked whether Officers had investigated less luminous lighting being used. He commented about the cycle parking at the far end of Micklegate outside of the bike shop informing the Executive Member that they was not sufficient as the racks were always full up. In regards to potential changes to traffic restrictions on Fossgate he expressed his disappointment that the northern end of the street had not been extended as a footstreet. This was because reversing the flow of the traffic did not change the character of the street for pedestrians or the traders on the street.

62. Public Rights of Way – Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway Metcalfe Lane to Meadlands, Derwenthorpe, Osbaldwick (part)

The Executive Member considered a report which asked him to make a diversion Order under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert a section of a public bridleway affected by Phase 4 of the Derwenthorpe development, for which planning permission has already been granted. The path runs between Metcalfe Lane and Meadlands, Derwenthorpe, Osbaldwick, York (Annex A: Location Plan).

It was reported that comments had been received from Councillor Warters in respect of the proposed diversion. He stated that whilst he was not in objection to the diversion the section of the path under consideration, he would strongly object if there was any attempt to divert, alter or extinguish the other Public Right of Way (Osbaldwick number 2) that ran the other side of the boundary hedge to the development.

He stated that he looked forward to the section of the being returned to its former state as soon as construction activities allowed it.

Resolved: That the Executive Member authorises making the Order to divert the path.

Reason: To enable that part of the development affected by the path to take place.

63. Digital Highway Inspection Report

The Executive Member received a report which informed him that the Council had procured a suite of digital highways inspection data, and it was being used to form the annual maintenance programme.

Officers explained that the survey data used also allowed them to add on repair costs to highway schemes and would allow them to estimate forward costs into several financial years.

Resolved: That the following be noted and endorsed;

- (i) The approach outlined in the report and Annex 1, to make recommendations for future approaches and the usage of digital highway inspection methods.
- (ii) The longer term development of efficient and effective highways works programmes based on digital highways data and the lead role CYC is playing nationally in the development of innovative technologies.
- (iii) That a future paper be brought to the Executive Member to highlight progress in the usage of the digital data, the DfT trial and our development of the requirements of the new code of practice.

Reason: Effective and efficient usage of highways maintenance budgets can be underpinned through the usage of innovative digital asset data.

64. Economy and Place Capital Programme - 2017/18 Budget Report

The Executive Member considered a report which set out the funding sources for the Economy & Place Transport Capital Programme, and the proposed schemes to be delivered in 2017/18.

The Executive Member considered the comments made by the public speaker. Regarding cycle racks, he felt that there was no point in improving cycle lanes without firstly having adequate car parking facilities. In relation to Fossgate, he felt that options were still open and discussions were continuing with traders therefore he did not want to rule out the option of implementing a footstreet or reversing the one way system that was currently in place. He commented that it was not unreasonable for the traders on Fossgate to want a footstreet.

Officers commented that the Business Improvement District (BID) had received funding for secure cycle storage and so would, as part of the Castlegate and Clifford's Tower development and in conjunction with the Council be identifying suitable locations.

The Executive Member commented in regards to Traffic Signal Asset Renewal that it would be useful to road users if there were informative signs to explain why the upgrades were taking place. Officers confirmed that non statutory signs could be installed.

Resolved: The proposed programme of schemes to be delivered in 2017/18 be approved.

Reason: To implement the council's transport strategy identified in York's third Local Transport Plan and the Council Priorities, and deliver schemes identified in the council's Transport Programme.

Resolved: (ii) That the inclusion of the upgrade of Belisha beacons at all zebra crossings, and for the renewal of markings on the city's major roads be approved.

Reason: To implement projects approved in the Council's budget to improve safety at Zebra Crossings and along main roads across the city funded from the Built Environment Fund.

Resolved: (iii) That the commencement of consultation with Fossgate residents and traders on a potential scheme to reduce the impact of traffic and improve the environment in the street with the results to be brought forward to a future Executive Member Decision Session regarding any potential changes to the Traffic Regulation Order be approved. A subsequent report would be submitted to the Executive to consider potential physical interventions alongside proposals for taking forward the Public Realm improvement works identified in the annual budget.

Reason: To develop a scheme to enable the environment for pedestrians to be improved in the city.

Resolved: (iv) That non statutory informative signs are installed whenever highway works are underway.

Reason: To ensure a greater level of public awareness whilst works are taking place.

Cllr Gillies, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.20 pm].