
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Transport
Date	18 January 2022
Present	Councillors D'Agorne
Apologies	

In light of the changing circumstances around the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held remotely. Decisions made by this Committee recorded in these minutes are subject to approval by the Chief Operating Officer under his emergency delegated powers.

35. Declarations of Interest

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

36. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been 5 registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Cllr Myers noted that the Ward Councillors supported the officer recommendations for the Burton Stone Lane item and confirmed that if approved, the Clifton Ward Highways budget would be used to replace speed calming measures which were no longer fit for purpose. He asked that the Executive Member support option 3 and dismiss option 4 in the report as this had been added after public consultation.

Robyn Jankel spoke on behalf of the York Cycle Campaign and raised a number of concerns regarding Tadcaster Road. They asked the Executive Member support option 2C regarding Knavesmire Road and raised concern about sections of the scheme which would place cyclists between parked and moving cars. They asked that LTN120 be followed wherever possible.

Cllr Melly noted the Irwin Avenue petition and requested a wider review of traffic as she felt there were additional traffic issues in the area which should be reviewed. She also enquired as to why blue badge holders were unable to access the city centre through staffed road barriers. She also asked about the progress of the removal of inaccessible barriers on cycle routes across the city.

Cllr Baker asked that funding for Micklegate Ward Bar in the Transport Capital Programme be carried over into the 2022/23 budget. She noted that when surveyed over half of residents would like to see the bar fully closed to motorised traffic and requested that the Executive Member support a closure of the bar to these vehicles.

Cllr Warters outlined his frustration with decisions to expand the Badger Hill Residents Parking Scheme, which he felt had diverted parking and created problems in Osbaldwick and Murton. He noted that the Council's current policies were not addressing parking issues and requested that work instead be undertaken to tackle parking around York University.

37. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Petitions

The Executive Member considered the petitions brought forward and agreed to support the proposed actions outlined in the reports for the resolutions of items raised in the petitions.

Resolved:

- i. That the Chief Operating Officer be recommended to note the petitions and updates given in this report and approve the proposed way forward for the resolution of the items raised in the petitions.

Reason: To ensure actions to address the concerns raised in these petitions were considered and developed on to progress outcomes to the petitions.

38. Directorate of Place 2021/22 Transport Capital Programme – Monitor 2 Report

The Executive Member considered the proposed amendments to the 2021/22 Directorate of Place Transport Capital Programme. The prioritisation of Council schemes was discussed and it was noted that in general, larger schemes such as the Outer Ring Road improvements were funded through grant funding and these schemes would include active travel improvements in line with Council priorities. The removal of inaccessible cycle barriers was discussed, and officers noted that underlining survey work was under way.

Resolved:

- i. That the Chief Operating Officer be recommended to approve the amendments to the 2021/22 Directorate of Place Transport Capital Programme.

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.

39. Burton Stone Lane – Ward Committee Scheme – Traffic Calming Improvements

Officers outlined the current issues with existing traffic calming measures on Burton Stone Lane, including deteriorating speed cushions and measures which send cars closer to kerbs making the street less safe for cyclists and pedestrians. The Executive Member noted the options outlined in the report, as well as concerns from emergency services and buses. He agreed to support option 3 in the report and requested that regardless of final design, that monitoring, and cleaning regimes be in place to maintain safe cycle lanes.

Resolved:

- i. That the Chief Operating Officer be recommended to approve option 3 for implementation (the proposals as consulted on plus amendments following the road safety audit) subject to the Ward Committee confirming that they have sufficient funds.

Reason: To provide a refresh of the traffic calming on this section of road to address residents' concerns over the increasing speed and volume of vehicles, with appropriate amendments to ensure the scheme is as safe as possible.

40. Tadcaster Road Sustainable Transport Scheme - further detail

Officers introduced the item and confirmed that this was a continuation from the item considered on the Tadcaster Road Sustainable Transport Scheme on 19 October 2021. The Executive Member made several enquires including regarding cycle safety across the scheme. Officers noted that a balancing act was in place across the scheme to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists, it was confirmed that the plans focused on following LTN120 guidance, however this was not always possible. Regarding cycle lanes it was noted that the width of the road fluctuated between 8 meters and 11.5 metres and therefore, in places where the full width sort for cycle lanes were not possible could be addressed with stepped up cycle paths. It was also confirmed that proposals for Sim Balk Lane and Moor Lane would be brought for consideration at a future Decision Session.

Resolved:

- i. That the Chief Operating Officer be recommended to approve the proposals set out in the report for delivery of the Tadcaster Road Sustainable Transport Scheme.

Reason: This will allow specification and delivery of the Sustainable Transport Scheme for Tadcaster Road.

Cllr A D'Agorne, Executive Member for Transport
[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.00 am].