
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY
DATE	13 MARCH 2013
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR MERRETT (CABINET MEMBER)
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR CUTHBERTSON

31. 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.

The Cabinet Member declared a personal interest as an honorary member of the Cycle Touring Club and

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the decision session held on 15th January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to an amendment to resolution (iv) on the provision of subsidised bus services item to read:

The Cabinet Member also asked that a plan B be considered to solve the issues surrounding the route 15 should tenders exceed the Council funding allocation for the simple service continuation.

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

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

There were two registered speakers in respect of agenda item 6 'Considerations of Recommendations of E Planning Consultation Facilities Scrutiny Review Task Group.

Peter Vaughan had registered to speak as a Parish Councillor for Wigginton. He welcomed the recommendations particularly those relating to training and assistance for Parish Councils. He agreed that Planning Panels should operate in a similar way to Council Planning Committees. He reiterated the problems experienced in the past and agreed that an approved e planning system, constitution and framework to develop a fair process was necessary.

Councillor Cuthbertson had registered to speak on behalf of Councillor Runciman who was the Chair of the E Planning Task Group. He had been asked to state that Parish Councils are keen to see a decision making system in place. He advised that Parish Councils welcomed access to training and a room to use at West Offices if possible.

34. STRATEGIC CYCLE NETWORK REVIEW

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented a revised strategic cycle route network for approval to take to the Local Plan Working Group. The network would then replace the one adopted in the previous Local Plan.

The Cabinet Member advised that following consideration of the consultation responses, he had identified 22 additional schemes.

He asked that his thanks be recorded to everyone who made comments during the consultation period.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member

- (i) Approved Option B and approved the revised strategic cycling network map in order that it can be taken to the Local Plan Working Group for potential inclusion in the emerging Local Plan. The network would then replace the

previous version adopted several years ago.

- (ii) Approved the cycling scheme prioritisation methodology and prioritised list of schemes and use them as the evidence base for both development management and transport capital programme investment.
- (iii) Approved an additional list of schemes following comments received during the consultation period. The list will be attached to the minutes of this decision session for information.

REASON:

- (i) To help achieve an effective future cycling network to ensure future developments take it into account and contribute towards it.
- (ii) To influence future development in the city and to shape future Transport Capital Programmes.
- (iii) In response to issues raised during the consultation period.

35. SUSTAINABLE CITY PROGRESS UPDATE

The Cabinet Member considered a report which provided an update on progress made against the Sustainable City actions set out across the Council Plan 'Protect the Environment' theme, The WoW City Plan and the Climate Change Framework and Action Plan.

Officers outlined the report and highlighted the large amount of work undertaken city-wide on climate change, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Cabinet Member queried the Councils Internal Carbon Management Plan. In response, Officers confirmed that it would be possible to draw up a 5 to 7 year action plan and for a report to be brought detailing the programme of work for the next period.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Cabinet Member noted the significant progress made towards the headline objective of being a leading sustainable city where activity is being led by City of York Council.
 - (ii) That the Cabinet Member asked for a report to be brought to a future decision session detailing plans for the next 5 years for the Councils Internal Carbon Management Plan.

REASON: To keep the Cabinet Member informed on progress against the Sustainable City actions set out across the Council Plan.

36. CONSIDERATIONS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF E PLANNING CONSULTATION FACILITIES SCRUTINY REVIEW TASK GROUP.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which set out the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review into E-Planning Facilities.

The Cabinet Member commented that he agreed the Scrutiny Review recommendations 1 to 11.

In relation to recommendation 12 he asked that the Terms of Reference for Planning Panels as produced by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate, be amended to address issues raised during the Scrutiny Review around transparency and accountability. In particular he asked that Planning Panel members should have to declare interests at the same level as a council committee.

The Officers Update is attached online to these minutes for information.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Approved the proposed recommendations 1 to 11 arising from the scrutiny review and the methods of implementation as detailed in the report.
- (ii) That the Cabinet Member did not agree recommendation 12 and asked that the planning panel terms of reference be amended (further details in the update attached to the minutes).

REASON: To complete the Scrutiny Review and address issues raised.

MINUTE ANNEX

CLLR D MERRETT, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.30 pm].

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STRATEGIC CYCLE ROUTE NETWORK REVIEW 2012/13

Additional Routes to Add to Network – tabled at the Decision Session meeting 13/03/13

1. Link to Naburn village from York to Selby path
2. Shared use path alongside A19 between Deighton and Escrick (existing)
3. Naburn Lane / Moor Lane between Deighton and Naburn
4. Extend link between Deighton and Wheldrake as far as the village proper
5. Extend the link to Elvington as far as the Primary School
6. Fordlands Road to Crockey Hill via Forest Lane and track from Tillmire Farm to A19 at Lodge Cottage then south to Wheldrake Lane junction.
7. Germany Lane to Fir Tree Farm via existing tracks across Tillmire and A64.
8. Link from Cherry Lane car park to either Bracken Road or Hunters Way on outside of race-track.
9. Dalton Terrace.
10. Link along northern side of Osbaldwick Beck from St Nicholas Field, through Hull Road Park, across Tang Hall Lane then along southern side of beck to Moore Avenue
11. Bad Bargain Lane from Meadlands junction eastwards, across A64 as far as Holtby Lane then left to Stockton Lane.
12. River Foss towpath route from Monk Bridge to Strensall.
13. York Road, Haxby, The Village, Haxby.
14. Station Road and Landing Lane, Haxby.
15. Mill Lane, Wigginton.

16. Westfield Lane (Road and Track) and then along western and then southern edges of Haxby back to York Road near Haxby Gates.
17. Link from New Lane, Huntington to northern end of Monks Cross along northern edge of Portakabin site.
18. Cemetery Road (Fishergate).
19. Link between Heslington Road and Walmgate Stray path along western edge of The Retreat.
20. Indicative route along former Derwent Valley Light Railway alignment from Metcalfe Lane to Murton Village.
21. Indicative route through the British Sugar site to be delivered as part of the development.

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E-Planning Update (to be read in conjunction with the report)

Clarification of recommendations:-

i) Agreed

ii) Agreed

iii) Agreed

iv) Delegate to Head of Facilities, Commissioning, Design and Facilities pending publication of the West Offices room use and availability protocol and the Head of Libraries, Information, and Archives to continue working with Parish Councils to find low cost accommodation solution.

v) Agreed

vi) Agreed but also in the meantime pursue in-house solution

vii) Agreed

viii) Agreed

ix)As (iv above)

x) Agreed

xi) Agreed

xii) Not agreed – see below

Planning Panels

Recommendation (xii) stated “That the Monitoring Officer investigate the Constitutional status of Planning Panels and report back to Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the end of the 2012/13 municipal year on:

What authority, if any, the Council has in relation to Planning Panels”

Planning Panels have no constitutional status. They do however have Terms of Reference as produced by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate. Copy of the current Terms attached



PP Terms of Reference May 2008

“What support, if any, City of York Council should give to Planning Panels”

The Council has supported Planning Panels through the provision of training on planning matters to facilitate the submission of comments based on material planning matters. The Council does not provide financial support for panels other than to pay reasonable and legitimate expenses to members who have incurred costs as a result of participation on the panels. It is recommended that this arrangement continues.

“If Planning Panels do remain, then to look at ways they can work in a more transparent and accountable way (e.g. published membership, transparent and public meetings, public agendas and minutes and declarations of interest.”

The Terms of Reference as mentioned set out how the Panels should operate. The Panels have no constituted status; however, in order to address the issues raised around transparency and accountability , **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that additional provisions be included in the panel clerk ‘job description’ section (amendments set out in bold italics in the attached draft)



PP Terms of Reference 2013 Pro

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the planning panels be consulted on the amended Terms of Reference prior to adoption, and thereafter circulated to Ward Members.

Subject to the above it is not considered necessary to report back to the Economic and City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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