

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability
Date	17 October 2013
Present	Councillor Merrett (Cabinet Member)

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## 19. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

## 20. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last two Decision Sessions held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

4<sup>th</sup> September – the minutes be amended to state that the Cabinet Member requested that for future Neighbourhood Plans, neighbouring Parish Councils be consulted earlier in the process.

## 21. **Public Participation - Decision Session**

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

Two members of the public had registered to speak on agenda item 4, Nunthorpe Crescent Petition.

Mrs Miliner had registered as a resident of Nunthorpe Crescent. She advised that parking problems had increased over the years and residents had encountered problems such as garden walls being hit by parking and turning vehicles, driveways being

blocked and speeding. The number of vehicles parked in the area was also causing problems for refuse collection lorries.

Mark Gibson had also registered to speak. He endorsed the comments of Mrs Miliner and although residents had indicated they did not want permit parking, this would be considered.

## **22. Nunthorpe Crescent Area Petition**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which advised of a 76 name petition received from residents of Nunthorpe Crescent, Nunthorpe Gardens and Nunthorpe View requesting City of York Council to take action to resolve the problem of non-residential parking. The petitioners had specified they do not want permit parking. The petition was attached at Annex A.

Officers outlined the report and advised that if a resident parking scheme was unacceptable and not to be considered, then alternative options are extremely limited and would apply equally to residents and non-residents. The suggested course of action was a formal consultation on the options, to include an option of taking no action, as suggested by a member of the public.

The Cabinet Member commented that there was no easy solution and the best course of action was to consult residents to obtain opinions on the options. It was requested that the results of the survey be brought back to the Cabinet Member at a future decision session.

Resolved:            That the Cabinet Member:

- (i)    Approved a consultation/ballot of residents on options 2-4. The results of which to be brought back to the Cabinet Member.
- (ii)   Noted a request from a resident to include an additional consultation option of taking no action.

Reason:            To inform residents of the options available.

**23. Copmanthorpe Primary School - Low Green Highway Improvements**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which outlined proposed highway improvements to Low Green following safety concerns being raised about walking to Copmanthorpe Primary School.

Officers outlined the report, in particular that the concerns would be addressed by a highway improvement scheme to increase visibility at crossing points, by discouraging parents from parking at the school entrances and by a programme of travel initiatives to reduce car use and to promote considerate parking.

The Cabinet Member noted the report and agreed the Officer recommendations.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Gave approval for the implementation of the proposed highway improvements as shown at Annex C of the report.
- (ii) Supported the work of the School Travel Adviser with the school and requested Officers to investigate how other Local Authorities have continued to collect normal mode of transport to school data, and consider the applicability of this for City of York Council.

Reasons:

- (i) To improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists using Low Green to travel to school.
- (ii) The school is already engaged in working with officers to address anti-social parking and has a programme of initiatives that will continue this work. Collection of mode of travel data will allow more targeted work and improve effectiveness.

**24. Better Bus Area Fund - Museum Street Bus Stop: Proposed Alterations**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which sought approval for and outlined proposals to make improvements to the Museum Street bus stop and outlined consultation feedback.

Officers outlined the proposals and the Cabinet Member expressed preference for the style of railings as used outside the Library to be used in the scheme in order to provide some continuation.

The Cabinet Member also agreed to the inclusion of a canopy within the scheme.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member gave approval for:

- (i) The implementation of the proposed bus stop improvements as shown in Annex D of the report, subject to the necessary Scheduled Monument Consent being obtained.
- (ii) The new railings being provided within the scheme to match the Brierley style of railing to enable a continuation of the Library railings.

Reasons: (i) To improve facilities at this busy bus stop, reduce conflict between pedestrians and queing passengers and to offer greater aesthetic benefit to the monument and its setting. Improvements would be more cost effective in terms of whole life costs.

- (ii) The provision and replacement of the Brierley railings would be a natural continuation of the section of railings between the Library and the bus stop and aesthetically this would be the most appropriate selection. There is no physical link between the Museum Gardens railing

to the west of the bus stop and so the historical link is broken.

## **25. York Central (Rougier Street) Bus Interchange**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which set out proposals to improve the 10 bus stops at Rougier Street and Station Road with the objective of creating a more formal integrated Central Interchange for bus services in York. The intention is to both improve facilities for bus passengers and take the opportunity to make more general changes in Rougier Street which will improve the attractiveness of the area.

Officers outlined the report and advised that discussions on the design of the scheme were still ongoing with Skelwith, the property developers for Roman House.

The Cabinet Member expressed a preference for the end of the shelter not to taper in. The scheme as outlined in the report was approved subject to any minor final amendments should any design in conjunction with Skelwith not be forthcoming.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- (i) Approved the implementation of the proposed bus stop improvements as shown in Annex A with any minor final amendments.
- (ii) Noted that discussions are continuing with Skelwith, the property developers for Roman House, on the design of the shelter.

Reason: To improve facilities for bus passengers and improve the Rougier Street area.

Cllr D Merrett, Cabinet Member  
[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.50 pm].