
Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability
Date	16 January 2014
Present	Councillor Merrett (Cabinet Member)

33. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member is asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests, in the business on the agenda. The Cabinet Member confirmed he had none, other than those included on the Register of Interests.

34. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last decision session held on 14th November 2013 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

35. Public Participation - Decision Session

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

36. City of York Council, North Yorkshire County Council and North York Moors National Park Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which advised of the current position with the progress on the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for North Yorkshire, York and North York Moors. The report had been to the Local Plan Working Group for comments and now approval was being sought from the Cabinet Member for the Issues and Options consultations documents for the purposes of public consultation.

The Cabinet Member had the following additional comments following the addition of the Local Plan Working Groups comments to the document:

- Pages 102 of Annex A – add the words ‘to encourage and promote’.
- Pages 103-106 – explain the limitations resulting from Government guidance and legislative constraints in relation to types of exploration techniques for shale gas and other fossil fuels and the associated processing including waste water. Details to be provided on the Councils website.
- Page 123 – the proposed 3rd Option as recommended by the Local Plan Working Group, the changes refer to option 2 also.
- Page 153 - Waste and Waste Hierarchy– flag up that opportunities should be taken where possible to group activities on existing sites.

The Cabinet Member thanked Officers for their work on the document.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

- ii. Noted the current position of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.
- ii. Approved the officers new schedule, which incorporated the two schedules circulated at the Local Plan Working Group meeting and the amendments agreed by the working group, along with some further minor amendments (new schedule attached to these minutes).
- iii. Approved the necessary and associated documents for the purposes of public consultation; and
- iv. Agreed to make any appropriate incidental changes arising from point (ii) above or minor changes.

Reason: So that the Plan can progress to public consultation.

37. Resident Parking Petition from Residents of Sails Drive Estate.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which presented a petition received from residents of the Sails Drive area requesting residents parking.

Officers outlined the report and advised that the area was included within the surveys undertaken as part of the University of York's expansion programme and any action should be considered within these parameters.

The survey results provided to Officers in January 2014 had indicated there had not been a suitable increase in university related vehicles to warrant taking any action. In addition, alternative parking arrangements for contractors working on the Science Park had now been made. It was identified that contractors had been using the Sails Drive estate if the Science Park was full.

The Cabinet Member commented that he was happy to agree option A on the understanding that the situation would be reviewed if any further requests are made for residents parking.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member:

Agreed Option A on the basis that if any further requests for residents parking are made then the situation will be reviewed.

Reason: There does not appear to be a substantial problem with parking in the area and as the area is highly residential it is likely that many of the vehicles noted in the area are associated with nearby premises or with the short-term work undertaken by contractors. The surveys have determined that an insufficient number of vehicles are related to University of York, and

so this situation will not be resolved with the introduction of a Residents Parking scheme. Furthermore, as the surveys have not revealed a problem, City of York Council should not encourage action to be taken.

38. Clarence Street Bus Lane.

The Cabinet Member considered a report which outlined the progress made with the Better Bus Area Fund scheme to improve bus journey times on Clarence Street, and proposed a scheme to take forward to consultation with local residents, businesses and other stakeholders in February/March.

The Cabinet Member asked Officers to look into the possibility of improving the lane width to 4 metres as far as possible and within budget.

Resolved: That the Cabinet Member approved Option 2 subject to further changes to the long term improvement line and Officers seeking to improve lane width within budget.

Reason: To progress the Clarence Street scheme.

Cllr D Merrett, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.20 pm].