

Highways and Transport Committee Decision Statement

Meeting: 5 March 2024
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1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillor McDonald and French

2. Minutes – 23 January 2024 and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2024 were agreed as a correct record subject to amendment and the action log was noted.

3. Petitions and Public Questions

14 public questions were received and considered at the relevant agenda items.

4. Puddock Road Safety Scheme

It was resolved to:

- a) note the steps already undertaken to improve the safety of Puddock Road, i.e. through the speed reduction measures set out in 3.5.
- b) approve the preferred option of a camera enforced closure of Puddock Road that would restrict access to the majority of vehicles and to undertake works next to the carriageway to remove rutting.
- c) if the closure is approved, note that consultation would take place informally, and formally through the Traffic Regulation Order consultation and decision-making process.
- d) delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee to award and execute a contract(s) and any other associated legal agreements or documents to implement the required works on Puddock Road.

5. BP Witchford Road Non-Motorised User Crossing

It was resolved to:

- a) note the progress that has been made on the options assessment and the procurement plan for the conclusion of feasibility work
- b) agree that the Council accept £550,000 of funding from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to undertake a feasibility study to identify the preferred option for a non-motorised user crossing.
- c) delegate authority to the Executive Director; Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee and the Section 151 Officer to enter a Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- d) approve the ongoing development of the design, including consultation with stakeholders.

6. Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Toolkit

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the feedback from stakeholder and developer engagement on the draft Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Toolkit for New Developments.
- b) Approve adoption of the draft Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Toolkit for New Developments.
- c) Note progress to date and next steps for the high-level action plan and strategic studies within the Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy.
- d) Approve the revisions to the 'Transport Assessment Requirements' document since it was last updated in September 2019. These revisions are intended to reinforce to developers, the need to promote active travel and passenger transport as the primary method of maintaining network resilience and improving travel choices across the County.

7. Highways Maintenance Capital Programme

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the 2-year programme of highway maintenance capital schemes 2024-2026 as outlined at Appendix One.
- b) Note the indicative highway maintenance capital programme for the following 3 to 5 years 2026-2029 as outlined at Appendix Two.

c) **Approve Note** the indicative programme for the use of the additional £40m investment made by the Council in highways maintenance as outlined at Appendix Three.

d) Delegate Authority to the Executive Director, Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to finalise the detailed allocations and priorities for the highways capital maintenance programme, in accordance with the Authority's approved asset management policies.

e) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to commission the delivery of the highway maintenance capital programme through existing contracts that have been formally procured.

f) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to procure and then award contracts and any other associated legal agreements or documents for the delivery of the elements of the highway maintenance capital programme that are not delivered via existing contracts.

g) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee and the Section 151 Officer, to enter into Grant Funding Agreements with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority where these agreements are associated with the delivery of the highway maintenance capital programme.

8. Transport Strategy Action Plans and Integrated Transport Block Funding

It was resolved to:

a) Approve the updated transport strategy action plans for Fenland and Huntingdonshire as outlined at Appendix 1 and 2.

b) Approve the proposed allocation of the Integrated Transport Block funding for 2024-25 subject to the funding being allocated to the County Council by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee to re-allocate funding to other schemes up to a value of £500,000.

d) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee and the Section 151 Officer to enter a Grant Funding Agreement with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the Active Travel Fund 4 programme.

9. Procurement of Legal Advice on the Guided Busway

It was resolved to:

It is recommended that Committee delegates authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the S151 Officer to award and execute a contract(s) and any other associated legal agreements or documents for the provision of legal advice and extension periods.

10. Electric Vehicle Charging Cable “Crossing-Over” Pilot

It was resolved to:

a) Note the progress to date and the issues surrounding cable crossing-over, including the opportunity cost associated with not allowing crossing-over.

b) Agree to the further development and roll out of the pilot as outlined at Section 3 of this report.

c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to launch the pilot, subject to provision of further technical advice and securing suitable licencing (or other contractual) arrangements.

d) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to award and execute any contracts required to deliver the pilot.

11. Pavement Parking

It was resolved to:

a) request that Greater Cambridge Partnership develop and fund a pilot of pavement parking restrictions in Cambridge;

b) note the decision-making process regarding this pilot as set out at paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4;

c) agree that officers, in conjunction with the Greater Cambridge Partnership, investigate the feasibility of Red Routes.

12. Finance Monitoring Report – January 2024

It was resolved to review and comment on the report.

13. Highways and Transport Policy and Service Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the Agenda Plan.

Statements in bold indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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