

Highways and Transport Committee: Decision Statement

Meeting: 23 July 2024

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1. Notification of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee noted that on 21 May 2024, Full Council had appointed Councillor Alex Beckett as the Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, and Councillor Neil Shailer as the Vice-Chair, for the 2024/25 municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillors Lorna Dupré (substituted by Councillor Slatter), Anne Hay (substituted by Councillor Criswell) and Lucy Nethsingha (substituted by Councillor Wilson).

Councillor French declared a non-statutory disclosable interest as a member of the March Area Transport Study Steering Group.

3. Minutes – 30 April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The Committee noted the Minutes Action Log.

4. Petitions and Public Questions

The Committee was informed that five public questions had been accepted and that the questions would be taken at the start of the relevant agenda items. It was noted that four questions related to agenda item 8 (Consideration of Representations and Objections to Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone in Huntingdon) and one question related to agenda item 9 (East West Rail Company Consultations). A further public question had not been accepted because it was not relevant to the agenda items of the meeting.

5. Active Travel Fund 4 Extension

It was resolved to:

- a) Note progress with the Active Travel Fund 4 schemes;
- b) Agree that the Council accepts £1.1m of funding from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the delivery of schemes under the Active Travel Fund 4 Extension;
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee and the Section 151 Officer, to enter a Grant Funding Agreement with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority;
- d) Approve the ongoing development of the design, including consultation with stakeholders; and
- e) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to agree the procurement route for projects in the Active Travel 4 Extension programme, using an existing contract or framework available to the authority.

6. Procurement of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the range of work that is being undertaken locally to accelerate the roll-out of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, and the specific objectives and purpose of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund;
- b) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to sign any grant funding agreements to draw down allocations from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority;
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to commence procurement for the delivery of the project; and
- d) Note that a report to seek final approval to commence the project and enter into contracts will be presented to a future meeting of the Highways and Transport Committee.

7. March Area Transport Programme

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the conclusion of the Full Business Case 2 for the March Area Transport Study schemes;
- b) Subject to approval by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, agree that the Council accept £7m funding to progress to construction of the Twenty Foot Road and St Peter's Road junctions, and develop Full Business Case 3 for the Northern Industrial Link Road;
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee and the Section 151 Officer, to enter a Grant Funding Agreement with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority;
- d) Approve the ongoing development of the design for the Northern Industrial Link Road, including consultation with stakeholders;
- e) Approve the commencement of procurement for:
 - (i) The provision of construction starting March 2025 and extension periods; and
 - (ii) The provision of professional services to develop Full Business Case 3 for the Northern Industrial Link Road starting September 2024 and extension periods; and
- f) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to award and execute a contract:
 - (i) For the provision of construction starting March 2025 and extension periods; and
 - (ii) For the provision of professional services to develop Full Business Case 3 for the Northern Industrial Link Road starting September 2024 and extension periods.

8. Consideration of Representations and Objections to Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone in Huntingdon

It was resolved to:

- a) Consider the objections and other written representations received during the statutory public notice period for this scheme; ~~and~~
- b) Approve the implementation of the 20mph speed limit as published; **and**
- c) **Bring a report back to this Committee in 24 months, reviewing the impacts of the 20mph programme.**

9. East West Rail Company Consultations

It was resolved to:

- a) Endorse the position set out in this report and note the latest information and updates on the East West Rail project;
- b) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Highways and Transport Committee, to submit Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project related responses to both the Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Council; and
- c) Note that where delegated powers are used, draft responses will be sent to Local Members and the members of the Highways and Transport Committee ahead of submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

10. A1421 Traffic Management and Road Safety Options

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the options set out in this report for the A1421, including declassification;
- b) Note progress made on International Road Assessment Programme analysis; and
- c) Note the options for traffic calming measures set out in paragraph 3.8 of this report.

11. Finance Monitoring Report - Outturn 2023-24

It was resolved to:

Review and comment on the report.

12. Finance Monitoring Report – May 2024

It was resolved to:

- a) Note that Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee approved the capital carry-forwards and reprofiling, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Finance Monitoring Report;
- b) Note that Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee approved the additional budget / funding, as set out in paragraph 3.5 of this report; and
- c) Review and comment on the report.

13. Highways and Transport Committee Agenda Plan, Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels, and the Appointment of Member Champions

It was resolved to:

- a) Review the committee's agenda plan;
- b) Agree the appointments to outside bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report;
- c) Agree the appointments to internal advisory groups and panels, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report;
- d) Agree to appoint Member Champions, as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting and strikethrough indicates deletions.

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