

**ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****Minutes - Action Log**Cambridgeshire  
County Council

This is the updated minutes action log as a 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and captures the actions arising from the most recent Economy and Environment Committee meetings and updates Members on the progress on compliance in delivering the necessary actions.

**ACTIONS FROM MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 COMMITTEE**

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
16.	<b>BIKEABILITY CYCLE TRAINING</b>  a) <b>Cross subsidy from Public Health</b>	<b>Bob Menzies / Liz Robin</b>	The Council Cycling Champion asked whether a cross subsidy could be sought from the Health budget. Officers were asked to investigate this request further.	Public Health already provide some financial assistance to ETE on other projects and were currently progressing a significant savings programme in their Business Plan due to cash reductions in the national ring-fenced Public Health Grant. In this context, the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Health Committee, while supportive of the role of active transport in maintaining health and wellbeing, have confirmed that it does not have revenue funding available to pick up the costs of the reduced government grant.	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>

	<p><b>b) Lobbying the Department of Transport through the Local Government Association (LGA)</b></p>	<p><b>Mike Davies</b></p>	<p>The original action was for the Chairman to write to the Local Government Association (LGA) to ask them to lobby the Department for Transport regarding retaining the same level of funding.</p>	<p>At the October meeting the response to the letter sent to the LGA on 9<sup>th</sup> August was attached with a further update indicating that Mike Davies had spoken to Andrew Jones from the LGA, and provided him with supporting background reports / research. As a result of the LGA had confirmed that they would be taking up the case on behalf of local authorities with the Department for Transport (DfT).</p> <p>An update dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November indicated that the lead officer had spoken to Richard Mace from the Department of Transport who leads on Bikeability. DfT were currently exploring whether Cambridge based charity, 'The Bikeability Trust', could take on this role in future and thus ensure that more of the overall budget was used for training, and less on management. This would go some way to address the shortfall in funding. Richard Mace agreed that pursuing a national sponsor would be a good idea, but to date this is not something that the DfT have pursued.</p> <p>At a local level, County officers were talking to OFO bikes on the possibility of funding cycle training in Cambridgeshire.</p>	<p><b>ACTION ONGOING</b></p>
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18.	<b>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TRAINING PLAN – SEMINAR ON THE COMBINED AUTHORITY</b>	<b>Democratic Services</b>	There was a request for a seminar on how the functions of the E and E Committee fitted into the decision making process in relation to the terms of reference of both the Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership.	This was originally to be included as part of the Monthly member seminar programme. The Combined Authority are currently considering the best way to present the information to all Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councillors (including presentations to district councillors)  No date has yet been confirmed and although a seminar date in January had previously been suggested to follow a proposed series of workshops to be held by mid-December, Democratic Services were still seeking a date from officers at the Combined Authority.	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b>
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**ACTIONS FROM THE 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE**

38.	<b>A10 ELY TO KING'S LYNN STUDY</b>  <b>Meeting to be arranged between officers and Cllr Ambrose Smith</b>	<b>James Barwise</b>	The meeting to discuss further the following issues raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the impact of proposed new housing development around Littleport / Ely and the local business expansion when assessing the improvement proposals for the A10.</li> <li>The need to prioritise the provision of a cycleway between Littleport and Ely</li> </ul>	The officers have been in e-mail correspondence with the Member but at the time of presenting this report a date convenient to him had not yet been secured.	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b>
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40.	<b>LAND NORTH OF CHERRY HINTON SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) CONSULTATION RESPONSE</b> Arising from discussion on the above request for a New Developments future seminar	<b>Bob Menzies to discuss with Tamar Oviatt-Ham.</b>	Suggestions raised included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• future proofing new homes to take account of the demands of a rising elderly population,</li> <li>• builders installing solar panels where possible</li> <li>• landscaping including where practicable, a tree planting programme.</li> </ul>	This was still to be arranged.	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b>
42.	<b>FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT - Request for review of the Performance Indicator 'Out of work benefit claimants – narrowing the gap between the most deprived areas (top 10% and others)</b>	<b>Bob Menzies / Tom Barden</b>	There was a request to consider refining it so that it measured the differential between the highest and lowest areas of the County, as the final target as an aggregation, did not reflect what was happening in the most deprived areas with the suggestion that it would be better shown as a ratio rather than a set target.	A meeting was due to be held with the Head of the Business Intelligence Unit to discuss this further.	<b>ACTION ONGOING</b>

**ACTIONS FROM THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 COMMITTEE**

48.	<b>PETITION – Reinstatement of a fuller level of service for Bus route 17</b>	<b>Paul Nelson Passenger Transport</b>	Response to be provided within 10 working days.	The response sent on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October is included at Appendix 1. The decision to withdraw the service in January 2017 was a commercial decision by Stagecoach. However, although the County Council is unable to reverse the decision made by Stagecoach, the Council was able to amend the rules around the use of concessionary bus passes and was prepared to enable pass holders to travel free on the morning peak journey.	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>
50.	<b>TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PLAN (TIP) SCHEME LIST</b>				
	A) <b>East Cambridgeshire schemes.</b>	<b>Elsa Evans</b>	Request for an explanation to be provided in an e-mail to the Member for Sutton following the meeting regarding the differences between the schemes referenced as TIP ID 673 titled 'Roundabout at the junction of Lancaster Way and the A142 Road' and TIP ID 736 Titled 'Ely - Access to Lancaster Way Business Park'.	A response was sent on 20 <sup>th</sup> October clarifying that they were in a similar location but were different schemes explaining that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme 673 involves safety measures at the roundabout of Lancaster Way/A142 Witchford Road and is specific to the Lancaster Way Business Park development for which there is a small developer contribution (£5,000) in a signed S106 agreement.</li> <li>• Scheme 736 is a cycling and walking improvement scheme</li> </ul>	

				<p>linking Witchford to Ely via Witchford Road as described in the Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire Action Plan reference E-18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The two schemes are also linked to scheme TIP 459 a highway improvement scheme.</li> </ul>	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>
	<b>a) Up to date district schemes to be sent to local Members</b>	<b>E Evans</b>	<p>Agreed that the most up to date district scheme list, including funding source information, should be sent to all the County Council members in each district area in a confidential e-mail to help facilitate their dialogue with district and parish council colleagues.</p>	<p>An e-mail was sent to all County Councillors on 20<sup>th</sup> October explaining that the Cambridgeshire Transport Investment Plan scheme list approved by the Committee listed schemes by district, with a link provided to view the details to share with District/Ward/Parish colleagues. It was also highlighted that the Transport Investment Plan was available on the same webpage and aimed to capture all schemes for investment, while highlighting that the schemes included on the list were not in any priority order.</p>	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>
<b>51.</b>	<b>HUNTINGDON-SHIRE LOCAL PLAN TO 2036; CONSULTATION DRAFT 2017</b>	<b>Colum Fitzsimons</b>	<p>To provide an explanation to Cllr Giles on how the County Council calculates the requirement for the provision of primary and secondary education places.</p>	<p>A response was sent to Councillor Giles in an e-mail dated 13<sup>th</sup> October providing a Children's and Young People Committee paper from September 2015 which agreed had adopted the pupil multipliers used by the Council.</p>	<b>ACTION COMPLETED</b>

<p>52.</p>	<p><b>UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT</b></p> <p><b>Query on why no reference was made to either flood mitigation measures - or to the adequacy / capacity to provide sufficient water and sewage supply to the new community.</b></p>	<p><b>Colum Fitzsimons.</b></p>	<p>The lead officers undertook to consult further with the County Council's Flood and Water Team on why they had not commented, and whether any further response was required on this issue.</p>	<p>An e-mail was sent to the Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> October from Democratic Services Confirming that the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Team (managing our Lead Local Flood Authority duties) had no objection in principle to the Uttlesford Local Plan as it stood with the detail of the e-mail set out at appendix 2 to this log.</p>	<p><b>ACTION COMPLETED</b></p>
<p>57.</p>	<p><b>FORWARD AGENDA PLAN</b></p> <p><b>St Neots Master Plan query</b></p>	<p><b>Bob Menzies</b></p>	<p>Councillor Fuller asked when the Committee would see the St Neots Master Plan and when the Combined Authority would engage on it with all the relevant authorities.</p>	<p>A response received on 23<sup>rd</sup> November provided an update that the Combined Authority Board Paper which approved the first iteration of the St Neots Masterplan in October stated the intention to form a partnership to take forward the next phase of the Masterplan.</p> <p>The County Council will be invited to be a member of that group.</p> <p>No timetable has as yet been able to be given.</p>	<p><b>ACTION ONGOING</b></p>

**PETITION RESPONSE REGARDING THE NUMBER 17 BUS ROUTE IN CHERRY HINTON**

Dear Gloria,

Thank you for the petition presented to the Environment and Economy Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 regarding the reinstatement of service 17.

The decision to withdraw the service in January 2017 was a commercial decision by Stagecoach and not one taken by Cambridgeshire County Council. At the time, the County Council held discussions with Stagecoach about whether they could continue to operate service 17, but unfortunately they were only prepared to operate the peak journeys into and out of Cambridge. We also held discussions with Whippet Coaches, to see if they were prepared to operate a service, but they felt there was insufficient demand from the Coldham's Lane area of Cherry Hinton for them to provide a service. This is because Stagecoach operate an alternative service, Citi1, which covers Cherry Hinton every ten minutes. In addition the section of Coldham's Lane between Brook's Road and Newmarket Road is also served by an alternative service, number 114. As well as the conventional bus services in the area, users with mobility issues may also be able to travel via Cambridge Dial-a-Ride who can be contacted on 01223 506335.

However, although the County Council is unable to reverse the decision made by Stagecoach we are able to amend the rules around the use of concessionary bus passes and are prepared to enable pass holders to travel free on the morning peak journey. We need to give notice to Stagecoach but would hope to enable this change to happen from 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Bates

*Councillor for Fenstanton, Hemingford Abbots, Houghton & Wyton, Hemingford Grey, Hilton*

*Chairman*

*Economy & Environment C'tee*

*Cambridgeshire County Council*



## UTTLESFORD LOCAL PLAN RESPONSE FROM THE FLOODS AND WATER TEAM

The Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Team (managing our Lead Local Flood Authority duties) have no objection in principle to the Uttlesford Local Plan as it stands.

**Flood risk policies** - At Local Plan stage LPAs need to set out policies on flood risk against which they will review development applications. This document does provide fairly comprehensive policies on minimising flood risk and specifically on surface water flood risk. Cambridgeshire County Council's Flood and Water Team notes the comments made on these policies by the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and the Essex County Council Sustainability and Highways team and supports the inclusion of these clarifications to better the policies.

**Evidence documents** - A Local Plan must be accompanied by a strategic flood risk assessment to demonstrate that sites can be delivered without increasing flood risk. A SFRA level 1 dated May 2016 has been prepared.

**Development sites** - At Local Plan stage there is not enough information to determine exact implications on downstream flood risk. Cambridgeshire County Council officers are content however that processes for reviewing flood risk are in place within Essex to ensure no increases in flood risk occur downstream into Cambridgeshire. The Lead Local Flood Authority for Uttlesford District Council is Essex County Council and they are a statutory consultee for surface water management, having the same role as Cambridgeshire County Council with regards to improving the management of surface water on site. The Environment Agency is the consultee for main river flood risk and will review the impact of development applications on, for example, the River Cam. The Uttlesford Local Plan also does not appear to show any strategic or significantly sized developments close to the Cambridgeshire County Council border which need closer examination at this stage.