DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 28 March 2019 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.46 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Yvonne Constance OBE – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance:

Councillor John Sanders (for Agenda Item 5)
Councillor Judy Roberts (for Agenda Item 6)
Councillor Jeannette Matelot (for Agenda Item 7)

Councillor Mark Gray (for Agenda Item 8)

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Governance); H. Potter & A.

Kirkwood (Infrastructure Delivery)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item Officer Attending

7 L. Turner (Infrastructure delivery)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

12/19 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

Speaker	Item				
Councillor John Sanders (Loca Member)	5. Barracks Lane – Revised Waiting Restrictions				
Councillor Judy Roberts (Loca	6. Cumnor Hill – Extension of 30mph				
Member)	Speed Limit				
Michael May (Sydenham Parish)				
Council))7. Sydenham Road – Traffic				

Councillor Member)	Jeannette	Matelot	(Local)Calming Build Out)
Councillor Member)	Mark	Gray	(Local	8. Cholsey – Wallingford Road Traffic Calming

13/19 OXFORD: AMENDMENTS TO ON-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING CHARGES AND TIMES OF OPERATION

(Agenda No. 4)

A new charging structure for on-street pay and display parking charges had been submitted into the County budget review process, subject to review by Scrutiny Committee on the 10 January 2019 and subsequently signed off at Cabinet on the 22 January 2019.

Following approval by Cabinet, the County Council was then obliged to advertise its intention to alter the Traffic Regulation Order that changes the operational hours for when parking charges apply. As part of that process the Council was statutorily required to invite comments and objections to the proposals and the Cabinet Member for Environment now considered CMDE4 a report presenting responses received to a statutory consultation to change those hours for the use of the on-street pay and display parking and increases in tariffs.

Under Standing Orders (Section 6.2, paragraph 19 (a) to (c) the Chairman of the Council had agreed that that part of the report applying to the revised hours of operation should not be subject to call-in in order that the 2 elements of this proposal i.e. the charges and hours of operation would come into force simultaneously on 1 April 2019. The main part of the proposals relating to the fee charges had already been through the scrutiny process in January 2019 prior to being subsequently agreed at Cabinet on 22 January 2019 as part of the Financial Budget submission and so the call-in process for that element of the proposal did not apply under Standing Orders (Section 6.2, paragraph 18 (h)). However, part of the supporting process for the increased charges involved the need to make a Traffic Regulation Order to change the hours of operation to come into operation on 1 April and that would normally be subject to call-in. However, making the hours of operation subject to call in raised the potential for a problem of timing between the 2 elements if that were to happen and the Chairman of the Council had agreed to waive the process for the hours of operation as any delay could prejudice the Council's or public's interest.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her and noting the agreement of the Chairman of the Council to waive the scrutiny process for the hours of operation element the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposed increases to the fees for on-street pay and display parking, and the additional times for which such fees apply on Sundays as advertised.

Signed Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing

14/19 OXFORD, BARRACKS LANE - REVISED WAITING RESTRICTIONS (Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered CMDE5 a report presenting a modified proposal to introduce additional waiting restrictions at Barracks Lane following consideration of the responses to a consultation in the latter part of 2018, which was reported to and deferred by the Cabinet Member for Environment at her delegated decisions meeting on 14 February 2019.

Councillor Sanders explained the history to this situation which he considered could be traced back to a decision by a planning inspector for housing. That made a difficult situation particularly at school starting time when the road was often blocked with cars parking in William Morris Close causing problems for traffic coming out of Turner Close giving way to traffic coming from the right. He added that there was some alternative parking further down Barracks Lane at the recreation ground.

Mr Kirkwood confirmed that there had been a lot of objection from residents from Hollow Way to restrictions many of whom had no off-street parking. He agreed it was a difficult balance but the situation could be monitored and revisited if necessary. Currently Barracks Lane where there were severe problems in the early part of morning was effectively unrestricted but these proposals should to some extent address residents' access problems by providing some passing space and avoid blocking pending introduction of a CPZ.

The Cabinet Member suspected that parking would be displaced from Barracks Lane but accepted the proposal would contribute to improving traffic flow. She also felt it worthwhile getting the information out regarding availability of alternative parking at the recreation ground. Therefore, having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting including the support of the local member she confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve modified proposals for waiting restrictions in Barracks Lane, Oxford as an interim measure pending a Controlled Parking Zone in this area that is planned to be progressed at a later date subject to further consultation.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing

15/19 CUMNOR HILL - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT (Agenda No. 6)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE6) responses received to a statutory consultation to extend the 30mph speed limit on Cumnor Hill south westwards (in place of the current 40mph speed limit) as a result of residential development of adjacent land on the north west side of Cumnor Hill.

Councillor Judy Roberts welcomed the amendment to extend the limit as she had suggested and now expressed her wholehearted support for the scheme.

Noting the scheme was developer funded and the support of the local member the Cabinet Member for Environment, having regard to the information set out in the report before her, confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Cumnor Hill but to a point approximately 30metres south west of the point as advertised.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing

16/19 SYDENHAM ROAD, SYDENHAM - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING BUILD OUT

(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE7) responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a traffic calming build-out on the Sydenham Road and sponsored and financed jointly by the Parish Council and the local member Councillor Jeannette Matelot.

Michael May for the Parish Council advised that speeding the village had been a problem for 25 years and the village felt now that it had a solution which had been supported at a village meeting in 2016. Responding to an unofficial consultation 53 out of 61 responses had been in favour and although there had been a lower response to the official statutory consultation the majority of those were in favour. He thanked county officers for installing the temporary build out and the survey carried out which had confirmed this was the best solution. The Parish Council would now consider arrangements at the other end of the village.

Councillor Matelot endorsed Mr May's comments and confirmed her support for the scheme.

Mr Turner confirmed that the build out did not need to be lit but would have retroreflective bollards to ensure high visibility.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member confirmed her decision as follows:

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Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing

17/19 CHOLSEY - WALLINGFORD ROAD - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE8) responses received to a consultation to introduce traffic calming measures comprising four pairs of speed cushions on the Wallingford Road in Cholsey put forward due to development of adjacent land and funded by that development.

Councillor Mark Gray advised that he had had a lot of dialogue with residents and was aware of objections which had been received and it was important to hear and consider local views. However, considerable efforts had been made over a number of years to try and slow down traffic on this road and although mindful of the objections some residents had he considered, on balance, that this was an acceptable scheme.

Responding to questions from the Cabinet Member Mr Kirkwood confirmed that although design of the cushions was at the light end of the scale they would help slow down traffic while being bus and emergency vehicle friendly. Construction should not affect access to driveways and for there to be vibration problems the cushions would need to be very close to properties which was not the case here.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her and the representations made to her at the meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposed introduction of traffic calming measures comprising four pairs of speed cushions on the Walling ford Road, Cholsey as advertised.

Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing

18/19 ABINGDON - DUNMORE ROAD PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING

(Agenda No. 9)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE9) responses received to a consultation to introduce a toucan crossing on Dunmore Road at Abingdon east of its junction with Parsons Mead put forward due to development of adjacent land and funded by the developers.

Having regard to the information set out in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve introduction of a toucan crossing on Dunmore Road, Abingdon east of its junction with Parsons Mead as advertised.

Signed	
Cabinet Member for Environment	
Date of signing	

19/19 ASCOTT UNDER WYCHWOOD AT EVENLODE BRIDGE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING GIVE WAY LAYOUT

(Agenda No. 10)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered (CMDE10) responses received to a consultation to introduce a give way requirement for traffic entering Ascott under Wychwood at the Evenlode Bridge promoted and funded by the Ascott under Wychwood Parish Council.

Noting that the scheme had been initiated and funded by the Parish Council and no objection had been received from the local member and having regard to the information set out in the report before her the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed her decision as follows:

to approve the proposed introduction of a a give way requirement for traffic entering Ascott under Wychwood at the Evenlode Bridge as advertised

Signed
Cabinet Member for Environment
Date of signing