



***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for
Environment (including Transport)***

***Thursday, 24 November 2016 at 10.00 am
Committee Rooms 1 and 2, County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Friday 2 December 2016 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter G. Clark".

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Note: Date of next meeting: 12 January 2017

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Items for Decision

- 1. Declarations of Interest**
- 2. Questions from County Councillors**

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

- 3. Petitions and Public Address**
- 4. Cumnor Hill Puffin Crossing - Confirmation of decision taken in October 2016** (Pages 1 - 10)

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial (CMDE4).

A development of 192 houses on the former Timbmet site on Cumnor Hill has provided funds for a new Puffin crossing to aid pedestrian movements, for both new residents and also the local community. Cumnor Parish Council has been active in seeking implementation of the new crossing and its location and in July 2014 undertook surveys to determine the desire line used by members of the public and school children and the location of the crossing has been based on this survey

At his October meeting the Cabinet Member for Environment approved implementation of the proposal as advertised and described in the report which has been recirculated at CMDE4.

However, following representations from the local County Councillor regarding the exact interpretation of that decision he has agreed to look again at the proposal with a view to confirming its specific aims.

5. Proposed Amendments to Traffic and Access Restrictions - Queen Street, Oxford (Pages 11 - 128)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/035

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport and Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Acting Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial (**CMDE5**).

The report summarises the formal consultation undertaken on the proposed amendments to traffic regulation orders, bus stop clearways and provision of new zebra crossings in association with Queen Street, Oxford. The consultation took place between 15 September and 14 October 2016.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED:

- (a) ***not to approve the proposals as advertised;***
- (b) ***instruct officers to report to a future Cabinet Member Decisions meeting a proposal for an experimental closure of Queen Street to buses and taxis which addresses the concerns about conditions in St Aldates and High Street raised during the recent consultation and which does not rely on the bus turning facility at Worcester Street; and***
- (c) ***to note the City Council's and COLTA's latest correspondence in relation to the decision made at Cabinet Member Decisions on 21 July 2016 regarding changes to TROs for Castle Street, Norfolk Street and Speedwell Street as part of the Westgate centre development and confirm that this does not alter the decision made.***

6. Proposed Amendment of Access Restrictions, Sheep Street, Bicester (Pages 129 - 136)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/095

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial (**CMDE6**).

Sheep Street is a key shopping street in Bicester which is currently one way, with the permitted direction of travel being from north west to south east. Motor vehicles are only allowed in the street to load/unload before 9am and after 4pm daily. In addition a small number of permit holders are allowed at all times (to access off-street parking etc). Ridden pedal cycles are prohibited at all times.

Following local requests to improve cycle facilities in Bicester, a proposal was put forward to permit pedal cyclists to cycle in either direction on Sheep Street outside the period 9am to 4pm. The report (CMDE6) considers responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on an amendment to the access restrictions to allow that.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to:-

- (a) ***note the consultation responses;***
- (b) ***not approve the proposed amendment to the access restrictions along Sheep Street as advertised.***

7. Horton View and Ruskin Road, Banbury - Proposed Waiting and Parking Restriction (Pages 137 - 148)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/079

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial (CMDE7).

The report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce additional and amended waiting restrictions in the Horton View area in Banbury following local requests for action to address parking concerns

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the amended proposals described in this report and shown in Annexes 4 and 5

8. Proposed Extension of 30 MPH Speed limit, Toucan Crossing and Shared Use Footway/Cycle Track - A4260, Banbury Road, Deddington (Pages 149 - 156)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/097

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial (CMDE8).

The report (CMDE8) presents an objection and other comments received in the course of the statutory consultation on the proposals to extend the 30mph speed limit, and to provide a toucan crossing and convert an existing footway to shared use footway/cycletrack on the A4260 Banbury Road at Deddington.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report.

9. Proposed Controlled Parking Zone, William Lucy Way, Oxford
(Pages 157 - 162)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/082

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy – Commercial **(CMDE9)**.

Concerns over the obstruction of traffic and road safety as a result of uncontrolled on-street waiting on William Lucy Way have been raised by residents and the local members over a number of years. The report presents responses received in the course of the statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report.

10. Proposed Puffin Crossing - London Road, Wheatley (Pages 163 - 170)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/105

Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager – Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy - Commercial **(CMDE10)**.

The report presents an objection and comments received in the course of a statutory consultation on the proposal to install a puffin crossing on the London Road at Wheatley northwest of its junction with The Glebe.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the proposal as advertised and described in the report.

11. Countryside Access Prioritisation: A Priority Caseload Approach
(Pages 171 - 176)

Forward Plan Ref: 2016/113

Contact: James Blockley, Countryside Access Team Leader Tel: (01865) 810205

Report by Interim Deputy Director for Environment & Economy - Commercial **(CMDE11)**.

The Priority Caseload Approach (PCA) is a revised system for allocating staff and financial resources to issues arising on the network of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) across Oxfordshire. It is designed to manage public and stakeholder expectations and give objective guidance to officers and others involved in the fulfilment of OCC's statutory responsibility for PRoW in a transparent and fair way. It is intended to encompass the majority of the OCC Countryside Access Team's (CAT) work

through this approach, and is not restricted to the prioritisation of reported issues.

The PCA was outlined in the Oxfordshire Rights of Way Management Plan 2015-25 (adopted by Cabinet in November 2014), but has undergone a process of consultation and redesign in the intervening two years. As such, further Cabinet approval (via Delegated Decisions) is required in order for it to be fully embedded as a new management framework and to demonstrate to public and stakeholders that it benefits from organisational support.

The associated report explains the Approach in some depth, paying particular attention to planned benefits, practical application and process detail.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to support the objectives and principles of the Priority Caseload Approach and approve its implementation.
