

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

Thursday, 21 May 2020 at 10.00 am

Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government this meeting will be held virtually and can be viewed [via this live stream link](#).

For further information on this please contact the Committee Officer (details below) bearing in mind the information set out at Item 3 on this Agenda.

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with related reports attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Monday 1 June 2020 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 18 June 2020

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Items for Decision

1. 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.

2. Petitions and Public Address

This Cabinet Member for Environment Delegated Decisions meeting will be held remotely in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Friday 15th May. Requests to speak should be sent to graham.warrington@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.

Where a meeting is held remotely and the addressee is unable to participate remotely their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Burford: A40 - Speed Limit Reduction and Signalled Crossing on A40 by Burford School (Pages 1 - 62)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/082

Contact: Hugh Potter, Team Leader – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director of Community Operations (CMDE4).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a

20mph speed limit within Burford in place of the existing 30mph speed limit, a 30mph speed limit on the A40 from just east of its junction with Tanners Lane to just east of its junction with the B4020 Shilton Road and on the A361 south of the A40 to just south of the access to Burford School in place of the existing 40mph speed limit. It is also proposed to extend the 40mph speed limits on the A40 and A361 to create an appropriate length of transitional speed limits on the approaches to the proposed 30mph limits on these roads. Additionally, the proposals included provision of a signalled crossing for pedestrians (a puffin crossing) on the A40 just to the east of the existing footbridge as a replacement for the latter.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed reduced speed limits at Burford as advertised but with consideration being given to reducing the extent of the proposed 20mph speed limit on the A361 The Hill, but to defer a decision on the installation of a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on the A40 by Burford School in place of the existing footbridge.

5. Oxford North Hinksey: Botley Road and Westway - Traffic Measures - Proposed Extension of 20mph Speed Limit (Pages 63 - 72)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/019

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE5**).

The Botley Road Improvement project builds upon objectives set out in the Oxford Transport Strategy where a study of Botley Road was completed in 2016 which confirmed, following stakeholder feedback, the value of a high-quality route prioritising sustainable transport modes to ease congestion, reduce journey times and improve journey experience. The project includes a package of measures aimed at:

- a. encouraging greater use of more sustainable modes of transport - buses, cycling and walking
- b. easing congestion on the route
- c. improving bus journey times so buses have an advantage over general traffic
- d. providing a safer, more continuous and attractive route for cyclists and pedestrians
- e. reducing vehicle emissions and improving air quality.
- f. unlocking economic growth and job creation opportunities by benefiting development sites with improved access and additional capacity.

The principal elements of the scheme were approved at the Cabinet Member for Environment decisions meeting on 19 December 2020 following a consultation in the autumn of 2019. At that meeting, however, it was agreed to carry out a consultation on an extended length of 20mph speed limit to that originally

proposed. This report considers the results of that consultation.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised

6. Oxford - B4495 Windmill Road - Proposed Extension of 20mph Speed Limit (Pages 73 - 82)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/018

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE6**).

The Access to Headington project includes a package of measures aimed at:

- a. encouraging greater use of more sustainable modes of transport - buses, cycling and walking
- b. easing congestion on the route
- c. improving bus journey times so buses have an advantage over general traffic
- d. providing a safer, more continuous and attractive route for cyclists and pedestrians
- e. reducing vehicle emissions and improve air quality.
- f. Unlocking economic growth and job creation opportunities by benefiting development sites with improved access and additional capacity.

Following the first formal consultation on the project in 2016, a request to extend the 20mph speed limit – which currently applies only to the northernmost part of the road - to include the whole road was accepted, resulting in a formal consultation in 2017. That was then approved at the Cabinet Member for Environment meeting on 7 September 2017. However, due to delays in progressing the project a re-consultation was required due to it being beyond two years since the first formal consultation. The report considers the results of the re-consultation.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised but to include also the adjacent signalled junction of Windmill Road with The Slade and Old Road.

7. Oxford: Sher Afzal Close - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 83 - 90)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/134

Contact: Hugh Potter, Team Leader – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE7**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions at Sher Afzal Close, Oxford put forward as a result of development of the former Cowley Swimming Pool site for residential purposes.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions and a disabled persons parking place at Sher Afzal Close, Oxford as advertised.

8. Oxford: Sunderland Avenue - Proposed Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places (Pages 91 - 94)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/174

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE8**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a length of no waiting at any time restriction and amended daytime permit holder parking places (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) due to the development of adjacent land

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions and parking places by number 53 Sunderland Avenue as advertised.

9. Oxford: The Oval and Desborough Crescent - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 95 - 102)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/177

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE8**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce waiting restrictions at The Oval and Desborough Crescent, Oxford put forward as a result of the development of adjacent land for residential development.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions at The Oval and Desborough Crescent, Oxford subject to consulting with the local member and bus operators on a possible reduction in their extent to address concerns over the possible unnecessary loss of parking places.

10. Oxford: Warren Crescent - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 103 - 108)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/136

Contact: Hugh Potter, Team Leader – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE10**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a length of no waiting at any time restriction at Warren Crescent in place of the existing permit holder only bays Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm due to the development of adjacent land put forward as a result of the development of adjacent land for housing, which will require construction of new accesses to the development.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions in Warren Crescent as advertised.

11. Oxford: Kirby Place - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 109 - 122)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/182

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE11**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions at Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close, Oxford put forward as a result of concerns received from residents and City Council members about parked vehicles obstructing the relatively narrow sections of both Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close. This is a particular problem with larger service vehicles particularly in Kirby Place where the refuse vehicle is often prevented from accessing the road.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions at Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close, Oxford as advertised.

12. Oxford: Morrell Avenue - Proposed Zebra Crossing (Pages 123 - 130)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/049

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE12**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a zebra crossing on Morrell Avenue, Oxford put forward and funded by Oxford City Council.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a zebra crossing on Morrell Avenue, Oxford.

13. Bicester: Various Streets - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 131 - 202)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/188

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (**CMDE13**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce and amend waiting restrictions on residential roads within Bicester where parking - in particular by commuters – is resulting in road safety and access problems for residents. The proposals put forward following discussions and site meetings with officers and local members will be funded by developer contributions.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed waiting restrictions as advertised.

14. Abingdon: Northcourt Road: Proposed Amendments to Traffic Calming Measures (Pages 203 - 218)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/173

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (**CMDE14**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to provide amended traffic calming measures (originally installed in 1990 as a safety scheme) as a result of a major maintenance scheme for the road. The amendments put forward by the Area traffic team in consultation with the local member and other officers will be funded by the Oxfordshire County Council major maintenance programme.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed amended traffic calming measures on Northcourt Road, Abingdon as advertised.

15. East Hanney - A338 - Proposed Puffin Crossing (Pages 219 - 228)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/013

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE15**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a puffin crossing on the A338 at East Hanney put forward as a result of calls from the parish council following numerous requests from parishioners.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of a puffin crossing (a signalled crossing for pedestrians) on the A338 at East Hanney.

16. A424 - Fulbrook to Idbury Proposed 50mph Speed Limit (Pages 229 - 236)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/006

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE16**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the entire length of the A424 Burford to Stow road within Oxfordshire put forward following a review of the recent accident history – including several accidents resulting in fatal injury – and, if approved, would be funded by the Road Safety budget within the County Council's Capital programme.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the 50mph speed limit as advertised.

17. Grafton with Radcot - A4095 at Pidnell Bridge - Proposed Revocation of Structural Weight Limit (Pages 237 - 242)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/007

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by the Interim Director for Community Operations (**CMDE17**).

The report presents responses to a statutory consultation to revoke the structural weight limit at A4095 Pidnell Bridge prohibiting the passage of track laying vehicles and vehicles with an axle weight exceeding 6 tonnes put forward as a result of a review of structural weight limits following maintenance of the A4095 Pidnell Bridge which has strengthened the bridge sufficiently to remove the above restrictions.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the revocation of the structural weight limit at A4095 Pidnell Bridge.

