



Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

***Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 10.00 am
Virtual***

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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 Friday, 5 March 2021 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne Rees'.

Yvonne Rees
Chief Executive

February 2021

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Note: Date of next meeting: 25 March 2021

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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**

This Cabinet Member for Environment Delegated Decisions meeting will be held virtually 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 19 February. Requests to speak should be sent to graham.warrington@oxfordshire.gov.uk. We ask for a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be considered. That statement can either be submitted with your request but should in any event be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting – Tuesday 23 February).

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

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

4. **Oxford - Ferry Hinksey Road and Osney Mead: Proposed Shared Use Footway/Cycletrack, Parallel Crossing for Cyclists and Pedestrians and Amendments to Parking Places** (Pages 1 - 14)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/183

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Julian Richardson, Senior Engineer (Road Agreements Team C&W) Tel: 07825 052736

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities (**CMDE4**).

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposed pedestrian and cycle improvement measures on Osney Mead and Ferry Hinksey Road (Oxford) put forward as part of a wider highway improvement scheme, which is being delivered by the University of Oxford (via a Section 278 agreement) to improve access by sustainable travel modes to/from and through the Osney Mead Industrial area. Osney Mead is an identified development site in the adopted Oxford Local Plan. Proposals will therefore help facilitate and support potential future re-development and growth of the Osney Mead area whilst also improving a key sustainable travel link to Oxford City Centre from the West.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals for a shared use footway/cycle track, parallel crossing and amendments to parking places as advertised.

5. Bicester: Proposed Active Travel Measures (Pages 15 - 58)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/189

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Naomi Barnes, Project Manager Tel: 07824 528681

Report by Assistant Director Growth & Place, Communities (**CMDE5**).

The report outlines responses received to a consultation for the statutory and legal measures required to proceed with the Bicester active travel scheme. These measures include a 20mph speed limit, toucan crossings and legal conversion to shared use footway/cycle tracks. The Bicester active travel scheme in its entirety will be reported separately to the Director of Growth and Economy, under delegated authority, on 26 February for implementation decision subject to the public consultation and available funding.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED:

- a) to approve the proposed 20mph speed limit, toucan crossings and shared use footway/cycle tracks as advertised and as permanent measures;***
- b) to approve the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order including the following provisions:***
 - i) Waiting restrictions at Loddon Close and Villiers Road;***
 - ii) Width limit, loading restrictions and a contra flow cycle lane on Causeway.***

6. Witney: Proposed Active Travel Measures (Pages 59 - 98)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/188

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Naomi Barnes, Project Manager Tel: 07824 528681

Report by Assistant Director Growth & Place, Communities (**CMDE6**).

The report outlines responses received to a formal consultation on statutory and legal measures required to proceed with the Witney active travel scheme. These measures include a 20mph speed limit, toucan crossings and legal conversion to shared use footway/cycle tracks. The Witney active travel scheme in its entirety will be reported separately to the Director of Growth and Economy, under delegated authority, on 26 February for implementation decision subject to the public consultation and available funding.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED:

- a) to approve the proposed 20mph speed limit, toucan crossings and shared use footway / cycle tracks as advertised as permanent measures;***

- b) to approve the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the removal of car parking on at 146 - 152 Corn Street, Witney.***

7. Islip - B4027 River Bridge and Wheatley Road: Proposed Traffic Signals Including One-Way Restrictions on Mill Street and Speed limit Changes (Pages 99 - 162)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/162

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Robin Calver, Principal Officer (Structures) Tel: 07741 607453

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities (**CMDE7**).

Mitigation measures are required to protect the damaged narrow three span masonry arch bridge across the River Islip on the B4027 from further damage. A scheme comprising permanent traffic signals and other traffic management measures has been identified as the least-worst option, recognising that while inevitably leading to some traffic delays and queuing in the village it will help address long standing concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing the bridge, where the only provision is a narrow ‘virtual’ footway using carriageway markings as there is no space for a kerbed footway.

Separately from the above proposal, a request has been received from Islip Parish Council to extend the 20mph speed limit on the B4027 Wheatley Road, which currently terminates just south of the above bridge to the current terminal point of the 30mph speed limit and to then provide a ‘buffer’ 40mph speed limit in place of the current 50mph speed limit south of Islip. Although the speed limit proposals were not identified in the context of the proposed signals, they are complementary in that lower speed limits would help mitigate the risk of shunt type accidents on the northbound approach of the B4027 into the village when vehicles are queuing

on the approach to the signals.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve:

- a) ***the proposed traffic signals on the B4027 river bridge at Islip and the one-way restriction on Mill Street as advertised;***
- b) ***the proposed 20mph and 40mph speed limits on the B4027 Wheatley Road as advertised.***

8. Long Wittenham - High Street - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

(Pages 163 - 170)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/185

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Anthony Kirkwood Turner, Principal Officer Road Safety Team –Tel: 07393 318871

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities (**CMDE8**).

Following provision of cycle bypasses in October/November 2020 at the two existing traffic calming build-outs in High Street, Long Wittenham complaints and comments have been received from cyclists that vehicles parking close to the build-out on the north side of the road have prevented cyclists from using the bypass. While it had been hoped that drivers would refrain from parking too close to the build-out without the need for waiting restrictions that has not been the case and the need for the latter has, unfortunately, been confirmed by recent experience. Therefore, no waiting at any time restrictions of the minimum length required to ensure safe and convenient access to the bypass are now being proposed

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the waiting restrictions at Long Wittenham High Street as advertised.

9. Wallingford - St Georges Road - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

(Pages 171 - 176)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/186

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Aaron Morton, Road Agreements Engineer (S&V) Tel: 07393 001028

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities (**CMDE9**).

A new car park for staff of Wallingford School on the west side of St Georges Road has been required as part of enabling works for a new £6m teaching block on the school site which will start as soon as the new car park can be used. No waiting at any time restrictions adjacent to the access of the car park onto St Georges Road have been identified as being required on road safety grounds to ensure that visibility for vehicles using the access is adequate.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the waiting restrictions at St Georges Road, Wallingford as advertised.

10. Grove: Denchworth Road & Cane Lane - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit and Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Pages 177 - 186)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/178

Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704/Ryan Moore, Senior Engineer (Road Agreements Team S&V) Tel: 07557 082568

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities (**CMDE10**).

Proposals for introducing a 30mph speed limit on Denchworth Road and a prohibition of motor vehicles at Denchworth Road and Cane Lane on parts of the existing highway being superseded by a new road layout as part of an approved major residential development were first consulted on in 2017 and approved as part of a package of wider highway works by the Cabinet Member for Environment at her Delegated Decisions meetings on 23 November 2017 and 8 March 2018. Due to delays in the developers progressing the 30mph speed limit and new road layout beyond the two years from the start of the previous consultation, a further consultation on the traffic regulation orders giving effect to these specific provisions is statutorily required.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the 30mph speed limit and prohibition of motor vehicles at Denchworth Road and Cane Lane as advertised.
