

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 10.00 am 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 16 October 2015 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 12 November 2015

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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. Proposed Car Club Bays - Various Locations, Oxford (Pages 1 - 8)

Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2015/070 Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

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

The report considers objections to formal consultations on proposals to introduce new parking bays for Car Club vehicles in All Saints Road and Sandfield Road in Headington and in Salter Close, South Oxford. The principle of providing specific parking bays for Car Club vehicles was agreed at the meeting of the Transport Decisions Committee in November 2009 and the new LTP4 states that the County Council will "work with local research and development partners to scope, design, test, and implement a family of vehicle hire and ride sharing technologies focused on bike hire, car share, car clubs and other on-demand vehicle services"

Currently there are 15 vehicles from two separate Car Clubs in operation from onstreet bays across Oxford with others based in private off-street areas. The redevelopment of the former Barns Road Community Centre in Cowley includes the provision of two Car Club bays and the opportunity has been taken to use some of the funding provided for these to introduce additional bays in locations requested by one of the current Car Clubs. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised.

5. Proposed Waiting and Parking Restrictions Noral Way, Banbury (Pages 9 - 12)

Forward Plan Ref: 2015/062 Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager – Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial) (CMDE5).

The report considers objections to formal consultations to introduce waiting and parking restrictions in Noral Way off Southam Road, Banbury containing a new access in connection with the redevelopment of a disused industrial site into a modern distribution depot. The road currently has unrestricted parking used by commuters to local offices and some HGVs connected with nearby industrial estates.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised with a minor reduction in permitted parking on the north side as described in the report.

6. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Ilges Lane, Cholsey (Pages 13 - 24)

Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2015/056 Contact: Steve Smith, Service Manager – Network and Asset Management Tel: (01865) 810435

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

Ilges Lane is currently a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) starting at Ilges Lane outside the Veterinary Surgery and exiting on the A329 Reading Road. The BOAT is overgrown and has the appearance of looking unused but carries legal public rights of way for walkers, cyclists, equestrians, carriage drivers, motor vehicles and private agricultural access rights. The existing surface is made up of hard core only in the locations of the wheel tracks.

There is an aspiration from Cholsey Parish Council to link new developments on the A329 with amenities in Cholsey Village by improving the surface of Ilges Lane, and making it usable for walkers, pushchairs and wheelchairs as well as cyclists, in all conditions. However, the effect of improving the surface to the lane's full width, and by virtue of its BOAT status, will mean that motor vehicles may be more likely to use it as a 'rat run' to and from the village. An added complication is that Ilges has a curve which limits visibility, and hence there may be conflict between motorised vehicles and vulnerable users. It was therefore proposed to prohibit motor vehicles from using Ilges Lane and making a safer environment for vulnerable users. By necessity, Ilges Lane would need to be gated, in order to ensure appropriate enforcement is applied. However the gates will be accessible for all lawful users, i.e. disabled users, horse riders, cyclists and horse & carriages..

The report considers responses to a consultation for a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Ilges Lane, Cholsey.

The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the approach to implement the scheme and to monitor any issues arising and to reconsider a TRO should the need arise.

7. Proposed Parking Restrictions - Church Road, Wheatley (Pages 25 - 32)

Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2015/072 Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

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

Three new lengths of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions along part of Church Road in Wheatley are being proposed in response to traffic and road safety concerns raised by Whatley Parish Council and local residents regarding the central part of Church Road. A scheme has been developed to introduce some additional lengths of parking restriction designed to help traffic, including buses, move more freely and the report presents objections received in the course of a statutory consultation.

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

8. Proposed Parking Restrictions - Caldecott Chase, Abingdon (Pages 33 - 38)

Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2015/071 Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

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

Following concerns regarding dangers caused by cars parking close to the junction of Caldecott Close and Blacknell Road and a site meeting with County Council officers, Thames Valley Police, residents and representatives of Covenant Management Ltd (who manage the Caldecott Chase) present a proposal has been developed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the entrance of Caldecott Chase, Abingdon. Covenant Management have offered to fund the introduction of parking restrictions and the report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation.

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

9. Proposed Raised Zebra Crossing - Oxford Hill, Witney (Pages 39 - 44)

Cabinet Member: Environment Forward Plan Ref: 2015/073 Contact: Owen Jenkins, Service Manager for Highways, Transport & Waste Tel: (01865) 323304

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

A consultation has been carried out on a proposal related to the planning consent for residential redevelopment of the former dairy site and the associated highway alterations to raise the existing 'standard' crossing to a raised zebra crossing. The report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation.

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