

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 January 2017 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.17 am.

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo Smith – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Steve Curran

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Directorate for Resources); D. Tole (Environment & Economy)

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.

1/17 PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING - A361 SOUTHAM ROAD, BANBURY (Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE4) which considered responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to provide a toucan crossing on the A361 Southam Road at Banbury following development of land on the west side of the A361 Southam Road to construct a new retail store which had resulted in increased demand for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road in the vicinity of the store.

Presenting the report Mr Tole advised that in his view the objections raised had been covered in the report but confirmed that the issue of lorries turning into Marley Way would be kept under review.

The Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed that he had visited the site and was confident that the concerns raised during the consultation had been addressed and that the scheme would be of benefit to pedestrians and cyclists. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the crossing as advertised and described in the report CMDE4.

Signed.....

Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

2/17 OXFORD A420 THE PLAIN ROUNDABOUT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOADING BAY RESTRICTIONS ON EAST SIDE OF ROUNDABOUT

(Agenda No. 5)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE5) which presented objections received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the operative hours of the 30 minute vehicle loading bay on the eastern side of The Plain roundabout.

Presenting the report Mr Tole confirmed that the proposal would tidy up an anomaly that had arisen following the major scheme at The Plain, whereby the hours of operation of the taxi rank and those of the loading bay were not conterminous which meant that it was difficult to enforce the restrictions

The Cabinet Member for Environment acknowledged that the issue of taxi provision was a matter for the City Council as licensing authority but recognised that the efforts to rationalise the situation at this site were sensible. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the proposals as advertised.

Signed.....

Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

3/17 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - GREAT WESTERN PARK, DIDCOT

(Agenda No. 6)

In July 2016 the Cabinet Member for Environment approved proposals for parking and loading restrictions and a 20mph speed limit zone on Great Western Park but also instructed officers to undertake further consultation with the Great Western Park Residents Association and local Members to see if those proposed restrictions could be relaxed to allow some evening parking. He now considered a further report (CMDE6) which presented the outcome of that further local consultation which had

related specifically to proposed parking restrictions on Sir Frank Williams Avenue, the spine road at Great Western Park that links the A4130 (Didcot to A34 Road) and the B4493 (Didcot to Harwell Road).

Presenting the report Mr Tole referred to the further discussions which had taken place and further comments received after publication of the report from County Councillor Nick Hards regarding safety issues from vehicles travelling from south to north, at the nearly blind bend near Ash Way even if vehicles were travelling at 20 mph. He felt that this needed to be dealt with before the road was adopted and that at a minimum, warning signs were needed. He also endorsed the comments made by the residents' association regarding the area near the community centre and temporary shop.

Mr Tole went on to explain that the design width of the road limited the scope for parking restrictions but reminded the meeting that double yellow lines allowed unloading for deliveries etc and for vehicles to stop but not park. Safety issues would continue to be monitored as part of the adoption process.

The Cabinet Member for Environment agreed that the width of the road was not ideal but equally it was not acceptable to allow for parking. Therefore with regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

- (a) note that the outcome of the further consultation as described in paragraph 2 of the report CMDE6 was that no amendment to the proposals as advertised was considered appropriate on the grounds of the safe movement of traffic; and
- (b) confirm approval of the parking restrictions as advertised.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

4/17 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - B4017 ABINGDON ROAD, DRAYTON
(Agenda No. 7)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE7) which presented responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit on the B4017 Abingdon Road at the north end of Drayton village as proposed by developers as part of works to create a new access for a residential development at the location shown at Annex 1.

Mr Tole confirmed that having looked again at the consultation responses officers had concluded that the better option appeared to be to downgrade the 50 limit to 40.

Therefore consultation would be undertaken on that proposal and if there were no objections received to that proposal then the proposal would proceed on the basis of today's deliberation. However, if objections were received then the matter would need to come back before the cabinet Member for determination.

The Cabinet Member for Environment agreed that that suggestion appeared to be the most pragmatic solution and so having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him confirmed his decision as follows:

- (c) not to approve the proposals to extend the speed limit as advertised; and
- (d) instruct officers to consult on a revised proposal to introduce a 40mph limit in place of the existing 50mph limit between Drayton and Abingdon.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Date

5/17 PROPOSED AMENDED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - HANNEY ROAD, STEVENTON

(Agenda No. 8)

The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE8) which presented responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend an existing traffic calming feature on the Hanney Road at Steventon in response to an approved development of land on the south side of the Hanney Road at Steventon.

Mr Tole presented the report and confirmed that he felt that issues raised in the consultation had been covered.

The Cabinet Member for Environment agreed that the proposal seemed to be the most sensible, reasonable and pragmatic way forward and although the proposed footpath was not as wide as he would prefer to see it was reasonable given its rural setting. Therefore having regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him he confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report CMDE8.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

6/17 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE - ACCESS ROAD TO KINGSTON BUSINESS PARK, KINGSTON BAGPUIZE

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The Cabinet Member for Environment considered a report (CMDE9) which presented responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal by developers for a 30mph speed limit on the access road to the Kingston Business Park following further development which had included a new housing development and revised access arrangements for the adjacent sports ground.

Presenting the report Mr Tole addressed particularly the objection submitted by Thames Valley Police and felt that to some degree that had been lodged because they were not fully aware of the changes that were to be made in that area insofar as though would remain a cul-de-sac there would be increased activity. He accepted that it would not be high priority for enforcement.

Acknowledging the explanation by officers with regard to the objection by the Police and having further regard to the arguments and options set out in the report and the representations made to him the Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed his decision as follows:

to approve implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report CMDE9.

Signed.....
Cabinet Member for Environment

Dated.....

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