

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Environment (including Transport)

Thursday, 16 July 2020 at 10.00 am

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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 24 July 2020 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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July 2020

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Note: Date of next meeting: 17 September 2020

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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. Oxford: Walton Street - Proposed Experimental Closure (Pages 1 - 6)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/185 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (CMDE4).

The report presents an 'overview' of responses received in the course of the statutory consultation following the implementation in November 2019 of an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) prohibiting access by motor vehicles to and from Walton Street at its junction with Beaumont Street and Worcester Street in Oxford. A determination on whether to make the experimental order permanent would typically follow promptly following the end of the formal consultation phase. However, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation and following a significant number of responses received during the formal consultation period, county council officers are recommending deferral of a decision on Walton Street until a later date recognising that a final decision on whether to make the trial closure permanent is still required before May 2021.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to defer a decision on the continuation of the above experimental order pending further analysis and assessment of its impact.

5. Oxford: Central Area - Proposed Additional Cycle Parking Places (Pages 7 - 34)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/020 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce additional cycle parking places in Oxford city centre at New Road, Queen Street, Ship Street, Speedwell Street, Turl Street and Wellington Square.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed additional cycle parking places in central Oxford on New Road, Speedwell Street, Wellington Square and Ship Street.

6. Oxford - Godstow Road: Proposed Traffic Calming Measures

(Pages 35 - 46)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/086 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce six pairs of speed cushions on Godstow Road at Wolvercote, Oxford put forward in conjunction with Oxford City Council who have undertaken to fund the project subject to approval being given to proceed with the scheme.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of speed cushions on Godstow Road as advertised.

7. Bicester: Browning Drive - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 47 - 58)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/090 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce and amend waiting restrictions on Browning Drive, Bicester where parking - in particular by commuters – is resulting in road safety and access problems for residents. The proposals were considered at the Cabinet Member for Environment delegated decisions meeting on 21 May as part of a larger group of proposed waiting restrictions in Bicester which had been put forward following discussions and site meetings with officers and the local members. While the other proposals were approved at that meeting, a decision on the proposals for Browning Drive and Kingsley Road was deferred to allow further investigation and investigation.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed waiting restrictions on Browning Drive and Kingsley Road as advertised.

8. Banbury - Easington Area: - Proposed Environmental Weight Limit and Proposed Raised Junction Table with Zebra Crossing at Springfield Avenue Junction with Horton View and Ruskin Road and Easington Road (Pages 59 - 76)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/057 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation introduce a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit in the Easington area of Banbury and raised junction table with zebra crossing at the Springfield Avenue junction with Horton View and Ruskin Road put forward as a result of discussions between the local County Councillor and residents. Firstly to improve road safety and the feeling of security in the vicinity of the two schools on Springfield Avenue (there are a large number of children that travel through this area and a large number of older, vulnerable residents) and secondly to prevent the existing problems of HGVs ratrunning through this area, including those from two existing construction sites at opposite sides of the proposed restriction, which are only likely to be exacerbated when a third site opens to the south.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit in the Easington area of Banbury and proposed raised junction table with zebra crossing at the Springfield Avenue junction with Horton View and Ruskin Road as advertised.

9. Cherwell & West Oxfordshire Districts - Various Locations: Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places (Pages 77 - 102)

Forward Plan Ref: 2019/189 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

Report by Director for Community Operations (Interim) (CMDE9).

The report presents objections received to a statutory consultation on proposals to remove, amend and introduce disabled persons parking places (DPPP's) at various locations in the Cherwell and West Oxfordshire districts put forward following requests from residents, including – where a new place has been requested - an assessment of eligibility, applying the national guidelines on the provision part of such parking places.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed provision of Disabled Persons Parking Places (DPPP) at: Bridge Street Banbury; Bretch Hill, Banbury; Cheviot Way, Banbury; Evenlode

Drive, Bicester; New Street, Deddington - noting this DPPP is to be an informal rather than statutory DPPP; The Paddocks, Deddington; Wadards Meadow, Witney; Leys Close, Wroxton.

But defer approval of the proposals at the following locations pending further investigations: Angus Place, Banbury; Ribston Close, Banbury; Blake Road, Bicester; Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton; High Street, Hook Norton.

10. Didcot - Larch Drive & Diamond Drive: Proposed Bus Gate (Pages 103 - 114)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/011 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to provide the above bus gate. Currently a concrete barrier is provided at the point where the bus gate is proposed which prevents the passage of any motor vehicle. The introduction of a bus gate at the point Larch Drive meets Diamond Drive was included in the planning consent for the Great Western park residential development to remove the potential for 'rat-running' traffic to use these roads as a route between the Wantage road and Park Road.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed bus gate at the point Larch Drive meets Diamond Drive.

11. Sutton Courtenay - Milton Road: Proposed Shared Use Footpath/Cycle Track (Pages 115 - 124)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/088 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to designate a 20-metre length of existing footway as a shared use footpath/cycle track to facilitate access to and from an approved new off-road cycle route between the Milton road and Milton Park.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed widening of a footway to provide a shared use footpath/cycle track on Milton Road at the access point to an off-road cycled track between the Milton road and Milton Park.

12. Abingdon - Boulter Drive, Cullerne Close and Loyd Close -Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Pages 125 - 140)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/025 Contact: Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to provide no waiting at any time and no waiting between 9am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays at Boulter Drive, Cullerne Close and Loyd Close, Abingdon put forward by the local member in response to concerns over safety and the obstruction of traffic arising from parking on the bend on Boulter Drive, around the Boulter Drive/Cullerne Close & Loyd Close junctions and within Loyd Close itself.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed waiting restrictions at Boulter Drive, Cullerne Close and Loyd Close Abingdon as advertised.

13. Cumnor - Cumnor Hill & Side Roads: Proposed 30mph Speed Limit (Pages 141 - 154)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/072 *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 a 30mph speed limit on Cumnor Hill in place of the existing 40mph speed limit and also a 30mph speed limit on the Kimmeridge Road residential development as requested by Cumnor Parish Council and, if approved, funded from s106 contributions received from developers, the Area Parish Support budget and Cumnor Parish Council.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed 30mph speed limits as advertised.

14. West Oxfordshire: Asthall, Charlbury and Minster Lovell: Proposed Structural Weight Limits (Pages 155 - 160)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/075 *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 introduce structural weight limits at the bridges over the Windrush river at Asthall (with the restriction at Asthall also including a width restriction) and Minster Lovell and an administrative amendment to the existing structural weight limit order at the Evenlode river bridge at Charlbury. The proposals have been put forward as a result of a review of structural weight limits required pending maintenance of these bridges. In the case of the bridges across the Windrush river at Asthall and Minster Lovell it is proposed to make permanent the current temporary traffic regulation orders, for which there is a statutory maximum duration of 18 months which is close to expiry. The proposed amendment to the permanent order for the Evenlode river bridge at Charlbury is for administrative purposes to remove any ambiguity in the order in respect of where the weight restriction applies.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the structural weight limit and width limit at the bridges over the Windrush river at Asthall and Minster Lovell and an administrative correction to the existing structural weight limit order at the Evenlode river bridge at Charlbury as advertised.

15. Carterton - B4020 Burford Road: Proposed 40 mph Speed limit & Extension of 30mph Speed Limit (Pages 161 - 170)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/037 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to extend the 30mph speed limit on the B4020 Burford Road at the north end of Carterton to reflect adjacent residential development and the construction of a new junction giving access to the development.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit on the B4020 Burford Road at the north end of Carterton as advertised.

16. Alvescot - B4020 Main Road - Proposed Traffic Calming Give Way Layouts (Pages 171 - 184)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/051 *Contact:* Hugh Potter, Group Manager – Area Operations Hub Tel: 07766 998704

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

The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to provide traffic calming give way layouts on the B4020 at Alvescot put forward by Alvescot Parish Council who have undertaken to fund the project subject to approval being given to proceed with the scheme.

The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed introduction of traffic calming give way layouts on the B4020 at Alvescot.

17. Infrastructure Security Bond Policy (Pages 185 - 198)

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/085

Contact: Hannah Battye, Growth Manager – Central Tel: 07808 573932/Joanne Fellows, Infrastructure Locality Lead – Central Tel: 07990 368897

Report by Assistant Director – Growth & Place (CMDE17).

The report outlines the outcome of an update to the council's Security Bond Policy following an internal audit focusing on bonds. The bond audit, published in April 2018, identified where the bond process could be improved and where further guidance was needed to improve the robustness of the process. The updated Policy outlines clearly when a security bond is needed but also, by assessing the other methods of recovery and enforcement, has reduced the circumstances for when a bond is required whilst still protecting the County Council from financial risk.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:

- (a) approve the revised Security Bond Policy as summarised in paragraphs 16-21 and attached as Annex 1 to the report CMDE18;
- (b) approve the use of the policy in relation to security bonds secured through section 106 agreements for County Council infrastructure and services.