

**ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
6th February, 2006**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillor Hall.(Advisor)

Also in attendance: Councillor R. S. Russell, (Chair, Regeneration Scrutiny Panel) and Councillor D. Pickering, (Vice-Chair, Planning Board)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Walker.

181. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP HELD ON 9TH JANUARY, 2006

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Town Centre Management Group held on 9th January, 2006, and accompanying Action Plan Schedule.

Resolved:- That the minutes and Action Plan be received.

182. CHANGES TO THE METHOD OF ASSESSING REQUESTS FOR CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation Unit Manager, detailing four proposed changes to the method of assessing the need for pedestrian crossings. The current methodology was set out in Appendix A to the report.

It was pointed out that the overall effect of these changes would be to target better the provision of pedestrian crossings at locations with the most need and more accurately reflect the difficulty in crossing the road. It was anticipated that the changes would enable the provision of one pelican/puffin crossing on a single carriageway road and two zebra crossings to be installed per year at an estimated cost of £100,000 at 2005 prices.

It was reported that funding was available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme.

Members discussed:-

Ranking and scoring
Flexibility to take account of new and changing factors
Re-evaluation and review of schemes
Further funding and Pathfinder money
Section 106 contributions from developers

Resolved:- (1) That the changes to the assessment method for controlled crossings, as detailed in the report now submitted, be endorsed, and referred to the Cabinet and the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel.

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(2) That a yearly allocation to fund the provision of controlled pedestrian crossings from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme be approved.

(3) That a prioritised list of crossings that meet the new criteria be presented to the Cabinet Member for approval as part of the yearly approval of the Local Transport Plan Integrated Capital Programme.

(3) That all items on the prioritised list be re-assessed every three years.

(4) That the Council seek, where appropriate, an appropriate contribution from developers towards the costs.

183. SOUTH YORKSHIRE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Local Transport Plan Delivery Manager, relating to progress on the proposed Intelligent Transport System (ITS) for South Yorkshire. Reference was made to economic regeneration which was leading to an increase in travel in South Yorkshire which was increasing pressure on the transport network.

It was reported that the four South Yorkshire local authorities had submitted a bid for European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Objective 1 funding for the implementation of the strategy to provide a South Yorkshire Intelligent Transport System and this had been successful.

It was explained that the first phase included work begun under the first Local Transport Plan, in particular bus priority work. The second phase would focus specifically on the following:-

- Establishment of an ITS Control Centre for the South Yorkshire sub-region, based on development of the existing Sheffield Urban Traffic Control (UTC) Centre;
- improved monitoring of the operation of the highway network in South Yorkshire;
- improved capacity of major junctions, particularly in the Strategic Economic Zones along the M1 and between Sheffield and Rotherham to assist economic regeneration;
- provision of improved priority for public transport at major intersections, and;
- provision of improved information about traffic conditions for travellers throughout South Yorkshire.

The Project partners included Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham,