

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
7th April, 2014

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Clark and Godfrey; together with Councillor Dodson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pickering.

G109. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2014, 3RD MARCH 2014 AND 31ST MARCH, 2014

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development, held on (i) 25th February, 2014, (ii) 3rd March, 2014, (iii) 31st March, 2014, be approved as correct records for signature by the Chairman.

G110. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE GROUP HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Rotherham Townscape Heritage Initiative Group held on 3rd March, 2014.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

G111. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Strategic Director for Economic and Development Services concerning the budget monitoring of the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue Accounts for the period to 28th February, 2014, including the forecast out-turn of overspending of £65,000 to the end of the 2013/14 financial year. The submitted report included information on the variances reported by each Division of Service. Specific reference was made to the Winter Maintenance budget, the Council's land and property bank, the funding for ICT and the budget for street cleansing.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the latest financial projection against budget for the 2013/14 financial year, for the Environment and Development Services Directorate, based on actual income and expenditure to 28th February, 2014, be noted.

(3) That the report be referred to the Self Regulation Select Commission for information.

G112. PETITION - ROTHERHAM BY THE SEA - REQUEST FOR EXTENDED TIME

Further to Minute No. G64 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 1st November, 2013, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Marketing and Events Manager, concerning the petition requesting that the Rotherham by the Sea activities be extended from one week to two weeks. The report referred to the implications of funding the second week of activities.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Rotherham by the Sea activities be extended to two weeks for the forthcoming event during August, 2014 and appropriate additional funding be identified during the 2014/2015 financial year.

(3) That the duration of the Rotherham by the Sea activities be reviewed further, after the Summer 2014 event.

(4) That the petitioners be informed of the decision and be thanked for their appreciation of and support for the Rotherham by the Sea event.

G113. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING AND ONE-WAY STREET RESTRICTIONS - WINLEA AVENUE, BRECKS CRESCENT AND BAWTRY ROAD, BRECKS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, concerning the receipt of objections to the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Brecks Crescent and Winlea Avenue, Brecks and the proposed one-way street order on the adjacent service road, situated parallel to the A631 Bawtry Road. Details of the objections were included with the report.

The proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Brecks Crescent and Winlea Avenue is intended to address problems caused by vehicles parking too close to junctions, in inappropriate places and on footways in the area. The waiting restrictions should ensure that adequate visibility and access is maintained.

The introduction of a One-Way Order for traffic travelling in an easterly direction along the service road would eliminate any potential for vehicle conflict which could exist when traffic is travelling in both directions. Two objections and also one letter of support had been received. After further review, it is recommended that the proposed one-way street is not implemented. On-site observations indicate that only a very small amount of vehicles travel in a westward direction on the service road, either to the Listerdale shopping centre or onto Brecks Crescent. There is also no record of injury accidents on this road during the last five years.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That, with regard to the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction on Brecks Crescent and Winlea Avenue, the three objections to the waiting restrictions be not acceded to and the Order be made by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in accordance with the details shown on Drawing number 126/18/TT553 as now submitted.

(3) That the two objections to the One-way Street Order for the Bawtry Road service road be acceded to, the letter of support be noted and the One-way Street Order be not proceeded with.

(4) That all of the objectors and the person sending the letter of support, as now reported, be informed of the above decisions.

G114. PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME ON DOE QUARRY LANE, DINNINGTON

Further to Minute No. G41 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 2nd September, 2013, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, describing the results of the consultation process concerning the proposed traffic calming scheme on Doe Quarry Lane, Dinnington.

The report stated that Doe Quarry Lane, together with the junction of Lordens Hill, Dinnington, had been identified as a location requiring further investigation as a consequence of the number of collisions taking place there. These collisions had resulted in one seriously injured casualty and eighteen casualties with slight injuries, during the three years' period between 1st August 2010 and 31st July, 2013. The safety scheme proposed the introduction of vertical traffic calming measures along the road, in the form of speed cushions and flat-top road humps.

In addition to the statutory consultation process, households in the local area had been consulted about the proposed road safety scheme. Subsequently, the Council had received a petition, containing 70 signatures (with less than 50% from residents of Doe Quarry Lane) requesting the introduction of speed cameras on Doe Quarry Lane, in order to target motorists exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Members were informed that this highway did not meet the criterion for the installation of vehicle speed cameras.

Funding for the proposed traffic calming scheme would include both (i) a Section 106 contribution from the developer of the housing estate on the site of the former Dinnington Community Primary School and (ii) the remainder from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme 2014/2015.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the objections to the proposed traffic calming scheme on Doe Quarry Lane, Dinnington be not acceded to and the objectors and the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

(3) That the proposed traffic calming scheme on Doe Quarry Lane, Dinnington be approved and the scheme, as shown on Drawing number 126/17/TT245.rev1 now submitted, be implemented.

G115. MASBROUGH PARKING - CONSULTATIONS AND PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, concerning parking issues in part of Masbrough, the consultations undertaken and proposals presented to the community.

The report stated that local businesses, residents and churches in Masbrough have expressed concerns about the amount of commuter parking occurring in that area and the resultant negative impact upon the local community. A petition, containing 330 signatures, organised by the St. Bede's Catholic Church, had been submitted to the Council, requesting the introduction of parking restrictions on the surrounding roads (e.g. Albert Street, St. Bede's Road, Station Road and Victoria Street).

Members noted details of the consultation, undertaken during 2012, with residents and businesses in the Masbrough area. A majority of respondents had reported experiencing parking problems during the working day. The responses identified a definite pattern of parking problems in some of the streets south of College Road, which was confirmed by observations of parking practices. There was also a majority of the respondents in favour of a Controlled Parking Zone. However, a further consultation process, undertaken during the Spring 2013, revealed that there was insufficient support to introduce permit parking and pay-and-display parking in this area.

After further investigation, a parking scheme was being proposed which would include the following features:-

- provision of some turnover of parking;
- removal of commuter or long-stay parking from outside locations which rely on the availability of short-stay, on-street parking (e.g. the local churches);
- introduce waiting restrictions at locations where parking was not appropriate (e.g. road junctions);
- introduce limited waiting on some sections of the streets in this area;
- revoke the existing 'No Waiting Monday-Saturday 8.00am to 6.00pm' restriction on the northern side of Station Road (west of Albert Street) and introduce the same type of Order on the southern side;

- change the priority at the Station Road and Princes Street junction, so as better to reflect the main movement of vehicles and address concerns about safety;
- introduce limited waiting (maximum stay of two hours and no return within two or three hours), where there is a time restriction on parking but without a charge, from Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

The funding for the proposed parking scheme in the Masbrough area is from this Council's allocation from the Local Transport Plan 3 Sheffield City Region Integrated Transport budget.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the outcome of the consultations on the parking issues, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

(3) That the redesigned proposal to provide a turnover of parking spaces, whilst still maintaining safe access and some on-street parking without restriction, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.

(4) That the required legal notices for the proposed scheme, as shown on Drawing number 126/17/TT284 now submitted, be prepared and advertised by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, with a view to implementation of the scheme during the 2014/2015 financial year.

(5) That the Masbrough community and the lead petitioner be informed of the outcome of the consultation and of amended proposals described above.

G116. PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTIONS AT ST ANN'S ROAD, EASTWOOD

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, concerning an objection received by the Council to the proposed introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' waiting restrictions on St. Ann's Road, Eastwood, Rotherham. The proposed vehicle waiting restrictions would apply to the service road adjacent to the St. Ann's Road roundabout and the scheme is in response to an increase in commuter and shopper parking at this location.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That objections to the proposed waiting restrictions scheme be not acceded to.

(3) That the objector be informed of the above decision and of the reasons for the decision.

(4) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' waiting restrictions on St. Ann's Road, Eastwood, as advertised and as shown on Drawing Number 126/18/TT589 now submitted.

G117. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2014/15

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, outlining the proposed Capital Works programme for Highway Maintenance and Transportation schemes for 2014/2015.

The report stated that the primary grant funding is the capital funding made available from Central Government for Integrated Transport and Maintenance as part of the third Local Transport Plan (LTP3). Members noted that, since the preparation of the report, Central Government had indicated that there would be a further financial allocation for highway maintenance works.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the specific allocation for Integrated Transport and Highways Maintenance for 2014/2015, including the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

(3) That agreement in principle be approved in respect of the proposed Highways Capital Programme, as identified in appendices A and B to the report now submitted, as the basis for further feasibility works, detailed design and implementation during 2014/2015.

G118. PROPOSED DESIGNATED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE AT 12 WESLEY ROAD, KIVETON PARK

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager, concerning the objections received by the Council to the proposed introduction of a Designated Disabled Person's Parking Space for the resident of 12 Wesley Road, Kiveton Park. Reference was made to the Social Services medical criteria and to the specific needs of the individual resident in this case.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the objections to the proposed designated of a parking place for a disabled person's permit holder only be not acceded to.

(3) That the objectors be informed of the above decision and of the reasons for the decision.

(4) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, as advertised and as shown on Drawing number 126/18/TT577 now submitted, for the provision of the designated parking place for a disabled person's permit holder adjacent to number 12 Wesley Road, Kiveton Park.

G119. PETITION - CONDITION OF ROAD SURFACE AT COOK AVENUE, MALTBY

Consideration was given to a petition, containing 67 signatures, from residents of Cook Avenue, Maltby, requesting that repairs are undertaken urgently to the surface of that road.

Resolved:- (1) That the petition be received.

(2) That a report on this matter be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development.

G120. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council)).

G121. STANDING LISTS OF CONTRACTORS

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Corporate Projects Manager, containing a proposed tender list for mechanical, electrical and general building works on Council property.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the list of tenderers for mechanical, electrical and general building works on Council property, as detailed in the report now submitted, be approved.