

## TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor C Maynard on 24 February 2014 at County Hall, Lewes.

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Councillor Glazier spoke on item 4 (see minute 54)

Councillor Galley spoke on item 5 (see minute 55)

Councillor Lambert spoke on item 6 (see minute 56)

Councillors O'Keeffe and St. Pierre spoke on item 9 (see minute 59)

Councillor Stogdon spoke on items 4, 5 and 10 (see minutes 54, 55 and 60)

Councillors Hodges and Pursglove were also in attendance

### 51. MINUTES

51.1 Councillor Maynard approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2014.

### 52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

52.1 Councillor Lambert declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 6 (Notice of Motion: Green Waste Collection for Seaford) as a Member of Lewes District Council.

52.2 Councillor Maynard declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 11 (The High Weald Management Plan 2014-2019) as Leader of Rother District Council.

### 53. REPORTS

53.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

### 54. PETITION FOR A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE AT HOUGHTON GREEN LANE, PLAYDEN, RYE

54.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport concerning a petition for a 20mph speed limit within 100 metres of St. Michaels CE Primary School on Houghton Green Lane, Playden, Rye. Sarah Owen addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

## DECISIONS

54.2 RESOLVED – To advise the petitioners that (1) a 20mph speed limit in Houghton Green, Playden, Rye is not considered of sufficient priority for funding from the County Council's Road Safety Budget or for inclusion within the capital allocation for Local Transport Schemes;

(2) if an external funding source can be identified, consideration can be given for inclusion of a scheme within the proposed Community Match Funding Scheme; and

(3) the Local Member and Officers will continue to work with the Parish Council to achieve a satisfactory solution.

## Reasons

54.3 The request for a 20 mph speed limit, with associated engineering measures would not be considered as a priority for funding from either the Road Safety budget or the capital allocation for local transport schemes. The County Council would, however, consider the introduction of suitable measures outside the school if an external source of

funding could be identified and will advise the petitioners about the potential for a schemes inclusion within the proposed Community Match Fund presently being worked on by the Council's Infrastructure Design and Delivery Team.

#### 55. PETITION FOR A SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE IN FLETCHING

55.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport concerning a petition requesting a school safety zone between the Recreation Ground and Mill Lane in Fletching. Marie De Lacey addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

#### DECISIONS

55.2 RESOLVED – To advise the petitioners that (1) the County Council would consider the provision of a scheme either through the Community Match Initiative or from an external source of funding if it can be identified;

(2) the County Council will liaise with the local Member and Fletching Parish Council to determine if a local community project would be feasible; and

(3) their request for a school safety zone is not considered of sufficient priority for funding from the County Council's Capital Allocation for Local Transport Schemes.

#### Reasons

55.3 A School Safety Zone in Fletching has not been identified as a priority under the current assessment process. This, combined with a good casualty record, means that a scheme cannot be considered a high priority for funding from the County Council's capital allocation. The County Council will ensure that Fletching Parish Council is aware of the requirements of the community match Initiative to ensure that this scheme is given consideration at the appropriate time.

#### 56. NOTICE OF MOTION: GREEN WASTE COLLECTION FOR SEAFORD

56.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport concerning a Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Lambert, proposing that East Sussex County Council call upon Lewes District Council to institute a green waste collection for Seaford to take effect from the date of the proposed closure of the Seaford Household Waste Recycling site four days a week.

56.2 RESOLVED – To recommend the County Council to (1) note the contents of the report in relation to Councillor Lambert's request; and

(2) agree that the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport work with Lewes District Council should they wish to introduce a green waste collection service.

#### Reasons

56.3 The decision as to whether to implement a green waste collection service is a matter for Lewes District Council whether it is a chargeable or free service to residents.

#### 57. CONSULTATION ON PEDESTRIAN, CYCLING AND BUS IMPROVEMENTS IN NEWHAVEN AND PEACEHAVEN

57.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which set out the results of the consultation on pedestrian, cycling and bus improvements in Newhaven and Peacehaven and sought his agreement as to which measures should be taken forward to detailed design.

## DECISIONS

57.2 RESOLVED – To (1) note the results of the public consultation on pedestrian, cycling and bus improvements in Newhaven and Peacehaven; and

(2) agree that the following measures should be taken forward to detailed design:

- (a) improvements to the pedestrian facilities on the A259 through Peacehaven including the provision of new tactile paving, drop kerbs, construction of footways and upgrading of existing pedestrian refuges;
- (b) introduction of new pedestrian refuges at Dorothy Avenue, Lincoln Avenue and near Tudor Rose Caravan Park;
- (c) introduction of a 2.3km advisory cycle lane along the A259 in Peacehaven between Ambleside Avenue and Downland Avenue;
- (d) improvements to bus stops along the A259 between Peacehaven and Newhaven;
- (e) extension of the existing bus lane, which currently terminates at Ambleside Avenue, to Lincoln Avenue;
- (f) introduction of a shared cycleway/footway on the existing footway on the northern side of the A259 between Peacehaven and Newhaven and a cycle route into Newhaven town centre; and
- (g) provision of additional pedestrian and cycling facilities in the Denton area of Newhaven.

## Reasons

57.3. The results of the consultation exercise show that the majority of those who responded to the consultation supported the introduction of a number of measures aimed at improving conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users in Newhaven and Peacehaven.

57.4 In view of the fact that consultation on other Local Sustainable Transport funded (LSTF) schemes in other areas has only just been completed, further recommendations about which of the LSTF funded schemes in Newhaven, Peacehaven, Eastbourne and Lewes should be taken forward to construction in 2014/15 will be included in the report on the draft 2014/15 capital programme for Local Transport Improvements that will be presented to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment on 18 March 2014.

## 58. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON STEYNE ROAD AND SUTTON AVENUE AND THE SIDE ROADS IN SEAFORD TO 20MPH

58.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which set out the results of the consultation on proposals to reduce the speed limit on Steyne Road and Sutton Avenue and the side roads in Seaford to 20mph.

## DECISIONS

58.2 RESOLVED – To (1) note the results of the public consultation on the proposals to reduce the speed limit on Steyne Road and Sutton Avenue and the side roads in Seaford to 20mph; and

(2) authorise the progression of the option for a mandatory 20mph zone, operating at all times the day, through detailed design for construction in 2014/15 subject to the outcome of the Traffic Regulation Orders consultation.

## Reasons

58.3 The results of the consultation exercise show that a majority of those who responded to the consultation considered that speeding in Steyne Road and Sutton Avenue was an issue and supported the introduction of a 20mph scheme. The majority of respondents who supported the introduction of a 20mph scheme preferred the introduction of a mandatory 20mph zone, operating at all times. The introduction of a mandatory 20mph zone would address the concerns raised by the petition considered by the Lead Member in July 2009 about providing a safe route for children travelling to and from school in the area of Annecy Catholic Primary School, Seaford Head Community College and Micklefield Nursery school.

## 59. PROPOSALS FOR A REGIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 90 THROUGH LEWES

59.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which set out the results of the further consultation with local Ward Members and Lewes District Council on the proposals for a Regional Cycle Route 90 through Lewes. The Lead Member confirmed that he and the Assistant Director had been present at the meeting in January with Lewes District Council, referred to in paragraph 3.3 of the report. He thanked the officers and local Members for all their work on, and support for, the proposals.

59.2 RESOLVED – To (1) note the results of the public consultation on Regional Cycle Route 90 (RCR90) which formed part of the ‘Lewes Steps Forward’ public consultation exercise;

(2) note the outcomes of the further consultation with local ward Members and Lewes District Council; and

(3) agree that the proposals for the completion of RCR90 be progressed to detailed design including both route options 1a and 1b and options 2b and 3b as exhibited.

## Reasons

59.3 The results of the Lewes Steps Forward consultation show that the majority of those who responded to the consultation support the introduction of the proposed Regional Cycle Route 90. Further consultation has taken place with the two local ward Members and Lewes District Council to discuss concerns they had about aspects of the proposals. This has resulted in changes to the recommendation relating to Regional Cycle Route 90 contained in the report to the Lead Member in December 2013.

59.4 In view of the fact that consultation on other Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) funded schemes in other areas has only just been completed, further recommendations about which of the LSTF funded schemes in Lewes and elsewhere should be taken forward to construction in 2014/15 will be included in the report on the draft 2014/15 capital programme for Local Transport Improvements that will be presented to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment on 18 March 2014.

## 60. ENFORCEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN EAST SUSSEX: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

60.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport seeking his approval to proposed amendments to the Enforcement Policy and Procedure for Public Rights of Way in East Sussex.

60.2 RESOLVED – To approve the proposed amendments to the ‘Enforcement Policy and Procedure for Public Rights of Way in East Sussex.

## Reasons

60.3 The Policy, with the proposed amendments, has been endorsed by the East Sussex Local Access Forum and will allow the Council to set out clear standards of working with landowners when carrying out enforcement work.

## 61. THE HIGH WEALD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014-2019

61.1 Councillor Maynard considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport seeking his approval to the adoption of the updated High Weald Management Plan in support of the County Council's statutory duty to have regard to the conservation and enhancement of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

61.2 RESOLVED – To adopt the High Weald Management Plan 2014-2019 as approved by the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee

## Reasons

61.3 Adoption of the latest review of the High Weald Management Plan 2014-19 will enable the County Council to meet its statutory duty to ensure the preparation and publication of a Management Plan for those parts of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that lie within its administrative boundary.