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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 11 July 2019

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance - Councillor T Ainsworth and G Hickton.

**39/19** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 19 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**40/19** **PETITION – LORD HADDON ROAD, ILKESTON – REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS’ ONLY PARKING** Following the receipt of a petition requesting Residents’ Only Parking on Lord Haddon Road, Ilkeston, investigations have been undertaken.

Ilkeston currently has two ‘Residents’ (Permit Holders Only) Parking Schemes’ in place, one is a zone around the Queens Street Area and the second zone, St Mary Street Area, is in place off Bath Street. It was acknowledged that during Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm, shoppers, staff and students from Derby College and people working in the centre of Ilkeston were unable to park within the residents’ only parking scheme and therefore did displace onto the nearest available roads, such as Lord Haddon Road, in order to avoid the associated parking charges in the Erewash Borough Council car parks.

Requests for Residents’ Parking Schemes have also been received from Nesfield Road, Bristol Road, St Andrews Drive, Wharnccliffe Road, Durham Street, Wilton Place, Stamford Street, Belper Street and Union Road. All of which were subjected to a high level of on-street parking. If a further scheme of Residents’ Parking was considered for Ilkeston, it would have to include Lord Haddon Road and all of the streets listed above. There would also need to be evidence to suggest that the majority of those residing in these areas were prepared to pay for required charging costs.

Such schemes were a major undertaking in terms of staff resources together with the necessary public consultation, setting up and annually managing the process. A bid would therefore need to be submitted for additional resources from a future year’s capital programme of schemes.

**RESOLVED** (1) not to implement a ‘Residents’ Only’ parking scheme in isolation on Lord Haddon Road, Ilkeston;

(2) that consideration be given to funding a town wide consultation exercise from a future years' Service Plan of capital schemes; and

(3) that the Local Member and MP be informed the of the decision.

**41/19      PETITION – SAVE DERBY LODGE TEAROOMS AT SHIPLEY PARK**

Following the receipt of a petition requesting that the tearooms at Derby Lodge, Shipley Country Park were kept open, investigations have been carried out.

Derby Lodge Café has been operated by a charity since 1 April 2004, paying an annual subsidised/supported rent of £500, agreed by Cabinet. The terms of the licence included that the tenant was responsible for the fixtures and fittings of the café, and the Council for the maintenance of the building and grounds.

In March 2019, the lease was surrendered and, since then, a number of interested parties have come forward through informal enquiries and expressed interest in running the facility. To comply with Council policy and procedures, any new lease/licence required formal market testing. A tendering exercise was held between 5 April and 26 April 2019 and three compliant submissions were received and evaluated on rental income and social value proposals.

A successful bid has been selected and the Director of Property was finalising a lease with the successful party with a view to Derby Lodge reopening as soon as possible. It was noted at the meeting that it was anticipated that the tearooms would open on 20 July 2019.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the successful tendering process undertaken to select a suitable bidder to take on the lease for Derby Lodge Café to ensure it remains a facility for users of Shipley Country Park; and

(2) Local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

**42/19      PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR DERBYSHIRE**

The need for local planning authorities to work more effectively together in preparing their Local Plans, particularly joint working on cross-boundary strategic planning matters, has become a high priority for Government, and was now reflected in the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

It was widely recognised that the Duty to Co-operate, a statutory duty between authorities, was insufficient for delivering well-coordinated strategic planning. In particular, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has emphasised that the single biggest reason why district and borough local plans have failed the 'soundness' test was due to the failure of local authorities to adequately collaborate in their plan making process. As a consequence, MHCLG has sought to address this failure through advocating, via the NPPF, more comprehensive working arrangements between authorities, including upper tier

authorities. There was also a recognition that strategic infrastructure priorities must have a greater role in influencing planning strategies.

There was a long and successful history of effective joint working between the D2 local planning authorities and the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) on strategic plan making. Derbyshire was an area of high planned growth up to around 2033 and there was now a good understanding of the current distribution of the growth agenda that would deliver homes, economic development and key infrastructure within Derbyshire over the next 15 years. There was now a need to start preparing for the next generation of growth within the County, which would involve addressing fundamental questions around what Derbyshire would look like in 30 years' time and how shared issues could best be addressed.

The proposed Strategic Planning Framework would be non-statutory but would complement the adopted or emerging local plans of the districts and boroughs. It would become a material consideration in the preparation of future local plan reviews and in the determination of planning applications, although as a non-statutory document, it would not usurp the relevant local plan. The primary role of the Framework would be to provide an evidence-led consensus around common key strategic objectives and priorities through an overarching spatial planning vision for the County covering the period 2020 to 2050. It would be informed by existing and new evidence developed to support local plans, supplemented by other new, county-wide evidence as necessary. It would also enable authorities to respond collectively on other sub-regional and regional matters as they arise, such as proposals for HS2 and bids for funding. The Strategic Planning Framework would deliver for all D2 authorities, including the PDNPA, on a number of wider benefits.

Shared thinking and joint work over the last 12 months between senior planning officers in D2, has established the strong support in principle for the preparation of a Strategic Planning Framework for Derbyshire, using the existing Housing Market Areas as the basis for setting out priorities and objectives. Preparation of the Strategic Planning Framework jointly with Derby City Council has also been discussed.

Consultation has been undertaken with the National Strategic Planners' Network (NSPN) for advice on how to take forward a Framework of this nature, and discussions have also taken place with the County Council Network (CCN) for similar advice. Examples where county and unitary and/or district councils have been collaborating on the preparation of statutory and non-statutory strategic plans or strategic growth strategies were highlighted and many have received substantial financial support from Government. The Director of the NSPN has emphasised that such a Framework for Derbyshire should be seen as a long term strategy with a recommended time horizon of 2050.

It was anticipated the Strategic Planning Framework would be prepared collaboratively by the D2 local planning authorities and PDNPA. Although the document would be non-binding, it was proposed its development would follow the

format of a 'formal process' to ensure meaningful consultation and engagement. Reports have been presented to meetings of the Derbyshire Chief Executive Group and the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity and both have given their support and endorsement for the collaborative preparation of the Framework.

It was envisaged that a detailed project plan would be prepared which would include details of governance, timescales, evidence, process and consultation arrangements which would be reported to a future Cabinet Member meeting. The County Council was able to offer resources to lead this work. An outline project plan has been developed to give an indication of how the Framework could be progressed, and this was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the participation of the Executive Director and officers in (1) the commencement of work to develop a non-statutory Strategic Planning Framework for Derbyshire;

(2) discussion between Derby City and Derbyshire County Council to explore the potential for the Framework to be prepared jointly for the whole D2 area (i.e. Derbyshire, Derby City, all the Derbyshire districts/boroughs and the Peak District National Park Authority);

(3) the development of an expression of interest for submission to the Government's Planning Delivery Fund to support preparation of the Strategic Planning Framework; and

(4) the preparation of a detailed project plan (including governance, timescales, evidence, process and consultation arrangements) for the Framework, to be subject to further discussion and endorsement by the Cabinet Member.