

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 19 November 2020

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor S Spencer

Also in attendance – Councillors T Ainsworth, G Hickton and M Wall

60/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 8 October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

61/20 **PETITION – BRIDLE ROAD, STANFREE – OBJECTIONS TO THE INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS** Following receipt of a petition raising objections to the Council’s proposed introduction of waiting restrictions on Bridle Road, Stanfree and asking that the Council reconsiders this proposal, the matter has been investigated.

Parking predominately takes place on the residential side of Bridle Road and a short section of double yellow lines was already in place at the roads junction with Clowne Road which helped to facilitate the unobstructed movement of vehicles between Bridle Road and Clowne Road. It has been reported to the Council that when vehicles were parked opposite the access road to Moss Brook, large delivery vehicles associated with the fuel supply business experienced difficulties emerging from their Access, despite the owner of the business having already widened their access gates. Requests have therefore been made to the Council to install a section of double yellow lines to allow unobstructed passage in to the Moss Brook access road.

It was appreciated that parking was limited for the residents, however the proposed restrictions were the minimum length required and would minimise the impact the proposed restrictions would have on the parking needs of the residents.

RESOLVED that (1) the request to reconsider or compromise on the installation of the proposed parking restrictions is refused and that the Traffic Regulation Order is made as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and

(2) the Local Member and lead petitioner be informed of the decision.

62/20 **PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING/FORECAST OUTTURN 2020-2021 AS AT QUARTER 2** The Cabinet Member was updated on the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio for 2020-21 up to the end of

September 2020 (Quarter 2) including budget savings, growth and one-off funding, risks and earmarked reserves.

Progress was "good" for all of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio. The key areas of success were the £40 million programme of highway improvements which has been developed; and work on the Derbyshire Infrastructure Investment Plan.

The net controllable budget for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio was £74.837m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement, prepared for Quarter 2, indicated that there was a forecast year-end overspend of £7.501m. The overspend would be supported by the use of £6.015m of additional COVID-19 funding which has been allocated to the Council to support the costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. After the use of this funding the forecast position was an overspend of £1.486m.

The key variances included Highway Maintenance (overspend £1.170m), Waste Management (overspend £0.624m), Winter Maintenance (overspend £1.777m) and Highway Management and Land Reclamation (overspend £0.817m).

Budget reduction targets totalling £1.426m were allocated for the year, with a brought forward figure from previous years of £5.234m, resulting in total reduction targets to be achieved of £6.660m at the start of the year. The value of identified savings initiatives in the current year was £3.226m and the shortfall between total targets and the identified savings initiatives was £3.434m. It was forecast that £2.658m of savings would have been achieved by the year-end.

Growth items and one-off funding in the 2020-21 budget included Ash Dieback (£0.270m one-off) and Elvaston Castle Masterplan (£0.200m one-off).

Earmarked reserves relating to this portfolio, totalling £18.715m, were currently held to support future expenditure. Financial risks and the debt position were also detailed in the report.

Councillor Wall referred to the delayed capital programme, the underlying issues in respect of repairs and the significant red flags in the budget monitoring report. It was noted that the capital programme was delayed due to the delay in the government funding announcement, repair delays were due to the flooding events in November, January and February and the Covid restrictions requiring assessments to ensure a safe working environments and all service areas were being monitored in respect of over and underspends.

RESOLVED to note the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio for 2020-2021 up to the end of September 2020 (Quarter 2) contained within the report.

63/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the

remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings: -

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt report of the Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on Project Support – External Advisors Appointment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information))