

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT** held on 15 July 2021

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor K S Athwal

Also in attendance – Councillors C Cupit

10/21 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport held on 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

11/21 **PERFORMANCE AND REVENUE OUTTURN 2020-21 – QUARTER 4**

The Cabinet Member was updated on the Council Plan performance and the revenue outturn position of the former Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio for 2020-21 and contained some elements under different portfolios following the council Annual General meeting.

Progress was "good" for 2 out of the 5 Council Plan deliverables, however, the deliverables "Roads and highways infrastructure", "Derbyshire infrastructure plan" and "Highway and Transport Services" have been flagged as "requiring review" After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the outturn position for 2020-21 is an overspend of £0.137m. It was calculated that £2.346m of savings have been achieved by the year end. This compared to target savings of £6.660m and the value of savings initiatives, which have been identified for implementation in the current year, of £2.976m.

The key areas of success were the Completion of Contract 2 for fibre enabled broadband essentially achieved in December 2020, which has resulted in 21,000 additional properties being connected. BT has connected an additional 90,000 premises as part of commercial roll out (Fibre to Premise). Connection will continue to 64 communities from Quarter 4 onwards as part of completing the work with BT on Contract 2.

Key areas for consideration were the percentage of highway defects completed within the year of 71% compared with 77.2% for the previous year, however additional resources have been applied to bring the situation back to a satisfactory position. A significant amount of the £40m programme of highway improvements schemes would be targeted at repairs resulting from the floods that hit the County in late 2019 and early 2020. A programme to tackle drainage and surface deterioration and prevent potholes was in progress.

The net controllable budget for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio was £80.632m. The Revenue Outturn Statement for 2020-21 indicated that there was a year-end overspend of £0.137m.

The key variances included Waste Management (underspend £2.795m), Public and Community Transport (underspend £0.625m), Winter Maintenance (overspend £2.139m), Highway Management and Land Reclamation (underspend £0.773m), Council Fleet Services (underspend £0.536m), Planning and Development (underspend £0.518m) and Unallocated Savings (overspend £3.684m). The figures included all additional costs incurred due to Covid-19 and the funding provided to cover those costs.

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. Savings of £2.976m were identified in the year and £3.684m would be carried forward to 2021-22. Of the £2.976m identified, £2.346m was achieved and £0.630m was not achieved.

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 £18.931m, were currently held to support future expenditure. The debt position was also detailed in the report and to 31 March 2021 the value of debt written-off was £0.026m.

RESOLVED to note the report.

12/21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

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

1. To consider the exempt Report of the Executive Director – Place on Extension to Fuel Card Contract
(contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular company (including the Authority holding that information))

Meeting start time: 10:00

Meeting end time: 10.35

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT** held on 12 August 2021

PRESENT

Cabinet Member - Councillor K S Athwal

Also in attendance – Councillors C Cupit

14/21 **PETITIONS** **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions: -

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
New Mills, Goyt View – Request for traffic safety measures	47	Councillor A Clarke
Dronfield, Hanbury Close – Request for Further Road Surface Repairs	21	Councillor A Dale

(2) that the Executive Director – Place be asked to investigate and consider the matters raised in the petitions.

15/21 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport held on 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

16/21 **CARTER LANE BRIDGE: TRANSFER OF ROAD BRIDGE OVER FORMER RAIL LINE FROM HIGHWAYS ENGLAND HISTORIC RAIL ESTATE**

The Carter Lane Bridge carried the busy B6031 over a former rail line that now formed part of the Key Cycle Network connection between the Shirebrook Greenway and the Dukeries Trail. The bridge was currently owned by Highways England Historic Rail Estates (HEHRE) and has now deteriorated to the point where HEHRE did not consider that it was suitable to carry 40 tonne vehicles. The liability for this structural deficit lies with the Highway Authority due to the obligations placed on HEHRE by Section 117 of the 1968 Transport Act.

HEHRE has indicated that unless the structure was transferred to the ownership of Derbyshire County Council, then it would infill under the bridge which would sever the cycle link. The alternative was therefore for Derbyshire County Council to take ownership of the bridge under Section 94 of the Highways Act 1980 and a strengthening scheme be carried out which would provide a structural design life of over 120 years at

an estimated cost of £240,000. HEHRE has committed to fund one third of the cost of this work and Nottinghamshire County Council, who has an interest in the project to ensure the Cycle Network it put in place remained open, has also committed to fund one third of the cost. A sum of £80,000 has been allocated and approved within the Structures Management 2021 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme to fund the Derbyshire County Council share of the scheme.

RESOLVED (1) to accept the transfer of Carter Lane Bridge to Derbyshire County Council ownership; and

(2) to accept the joint funding offer from Highways England Historic Rail Estates and Nottinghamshire County Council for strengthening works.

17/21 DEDICATION OF LAND IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO AS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY Clowne Greenway formed a section of Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network and has proved to be highly popular with all users. The internal path structure within a housing development constructed by AVANT Homes off Skinner Street in Creswell provided a connection to the Clowne Greenway, and a Section 106 agreement secured through Bolsover District Council's Planning Department included a financial contribution towards the development of a further off-site link path to allow access directly to the village centre and the Creswell railway station.

In the interests of promoting Active Travel a short path between the Greenway and the railway station would provide a joined-up approach to promote car free journeys. The land was included in the portfolio of Children's Services and provided a more direct connection to the station. The first part of the route formed the Gypsy Lane carriageway and footway, which was currently used as the main entrance to the Infant School, however a new entrance was currently being designed, and the second part was a grass and stoned surface. The intended works would form a bound surfaced track with a stoned edging to minimise onward maintenance costs. The public footpath to be dedicated was detailed on the plan attached to the report. Once dedicated the statutory consultation process would be undertaken for a Cycle Track Order to be made to establish the legal rights for cyclists to use the route, as well as pedestrians.

RESOLVED (1) to accept the dedication of land, as shown on the plan attached to the report, as a public right of way carrying the status of public footpath with concessionary rights for cycling; and

(2) to accept the future maintenance of this path.

18/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC **RESOLVED** that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt

information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

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

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Highways Assets and Transport held on 15 July 2021

19/21 **EXEMPT MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport held on 15 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Meeting start time: 10:00

Meeting end time: