

## **TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT**

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor M Lock, on 7 March 2005 at County Hall, Lewes.

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Councillor Mrs Healy spoke on item 4 (see minute 42 below)

### 40. MINUTES

40.1 Councillor Lock approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2005.

### 41. REPORTS

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

### 42. QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR ON SEASIDE IN EASTBOURNE: TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

42.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs S Brewster addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners objecting to the proposed bus lane along Seaside between Gilbert Road and Whitley Road and presented a supplementary petition.

### DECISION

42.2 To (1) defer a decision on the construction of a programme of bus priority measures along the Seaside Quality Bus Corridor in Eastbourne; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to report back to the Lead Member meeting on 27 June 2005 with a more detailed report which includes (a) the views of Eastbourne Borough Council, Eastbourne Buses and Stagecoach; and (b) information on the traffic pressures at the roundabout by the Tesco's Superstore and its implications for the proposed bus priority measures.

### Reasons

42.3 The views of fellow members of the Eastbourne Area Quality Bus Partnership on the proposals and a knowledge of potentially wider issues are needed to enable the Lead Member to make an informed decision.

### 43. LOCAL TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT FOR 2005-2006

43.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. He noted that his colleague Members on the Cross Party Panel, referred to in paragraph 2.6 of the report, had made no further comments on the programme of schemes.

### DECISIONS

43.2 To (1) approve the programme of Integrated Transport schemes set out in the appendix to the report; and

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member, to bring forward schemes identified in the reserve programme in the event of difficulty in implementing the intended programme.

## Reasons

43.3 This programme represents a balanced programme of schemes which will help deliver not only the local transport objectives but also contribute to achieving the broader corporate objectives.

43.4 The programme has been informed by a cross party panel of members established to contribute to the Local Transport Plan.

## 44. WESTFIELD BYPASS : LAND

44.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

## DECISIONS

44.2 To (1) agree to withdraw the intention to build a bypass to the village of Westfield on the A28 between Hastings and Ashford;

(2) agree that officers should investigate potential use of some of the land acquired for the bypass, for alternative pedestrian and cycling use within the village; and

(3) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources, to identify those pieces of land which can be disposed of rapidly and, in further consultation with the Lead Members for Transport and Environment and Corporate Resources, to arrange for their disposal.

## Reason

44.3 It is not practical to consider the construction of a bypass for Westfield in the foreseeable future and there are better uses of the land both for alternative transport purposes and for redevelopment.