

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor M Lock, on 27 June 2005 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Garvican spoke on item 4 (see minute 3 below)

Councillor Daniel spoke on item 5 (see minute 4 below)

Councillor Thomas spoke on item 10 (see minute 9 below)

1. MINUTES

1.1 Councillor Lock approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2005.

2. REPORTS

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

3. A22-B2124 JUNCTION IN CHIDDINGLY : PETITION

3.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mr N Braden, Chairman of Chiddingly Parish Council addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners requesting the provision of traffic signals at the A22/B2124 junction at Chiddingly.

DECISION

3.2 To (1) inform the petitioners that the recent improvement scheme will be monitored and that the junction will be investigated for longer term improvements as part of a future Local Transport Plan (LTP) Submission; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to report back to a Lead Member meeting in fifteen months' time on the outcome of the monitoring of the new Local Safety Scheme measures and to notify the Lead Member if any problems arise at this junction in the interim.

Reason

3.3 The crash record at the junction is poor and a Local Safety Scheme has only recently been implemented with further improvements due to be completed soon. The effect of this work should be monitored before any additional works at the junction are considered. If monitoring shows no significant improvement in the crash record then it may be desirable to implement a more substantial scheme which would need to be the subject of a future LTP bid.

4. CAMBRIDGE ROAD, HASTINGS : PETITION

4.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs A Jefferies addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners requesting pedestrian crossing facilities on Cambridge Road to serve the residents of Cornwallis and Holmesdale Gardens.

DECISION

4.2 To (1) advise the petitioners that this location meets the County Council's criterion for further investigation and that the priority for the provision of a crossing will be considered by the Lead Member at his meeting in April 2006; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to arrange for officers to meet Mrs Jefferies and Councillor Daniel on site to discuss the most appropriate location for a pedestrian crossing on Cambridge Road, Hastings.

Reason

4.3 The site meets the initial qualification criterion for the provision of a pedestrian facility and, therefore, further detailed investigations will be required to determine the relative priority of this request when compared to others in East Sussex.

5. QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR ON SEASIDE IN EASTBOURNE

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

DECISION

5.2 To (1) reaffirm the County Council's commitment to the introduction of a Quality Bus Corridor along Seaside in Eastbourne; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to report to the Lead Member meeting on 25 July 2005 with firm proposals and arrange a site visit for the Lead Member prior to that meeting.

Reason

5.3 Additional information about the measures proposed along the A259 Seaside Quality Bus Corridor had been requested by the Lead Member at a previous meeting in order to help him make an informed decision. Some information is still outstanding and will be reported to the July Lead Member meeting.

6. A271 NORTH TRADE ROAD, BATTLE : TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

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

DECISION

6.2 To (1) approve the proposals to construct a traffic calming scheme in North Trade Road, Battle, as shown on drawing nos. 260020/03 & 04, subject to any minor modifications that may be found necessary at the detailed design stage; and

(2) authorise the progression of the scheme through detailed design, for construction in 2006/07 or earlier if funding becomes available.

Reason

6.3 These traffic calming measures will assist in reducing traffic speeds and improving conditions for pedestrians in this part of Battle. They will also enhance safety for students and others attending the college and assist in meeting the county's casualty reduction targets.

7. BATTLE LOCAL AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY

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

DECISIONS

7.2 To (1) approve the Local Area Transport Strategy (LATS) for Battle, subject to those amendments proposed in Appendix A to the report; and

(2) note that the LATS will automatically become a daughter document to the Local Transport Plan (LTP), and will be used to inform allocations of funding that reflect a prioritised package of local integrated transport schemes and to provide a framework to assess planning proposals to ensure that they complement LTP objectives.

Reason

7.3 The implementation of the Battle LATS will contribute to improving travel choices and bring about more environmentally sustainable transport within the town.

8. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2004-05

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

DECISIONS

8.2 To (1) approve the draft Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report for 2004/05 for submission to the Government Office for the South East; and

(2) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, to make any appropriate detailed amendments to the Annual Progress Report prior to its submission.

Reasons

8.3 The draft Annual Progress Report accurately reflects the performance of the transport service in 2004/05, which has largely maintained the high level of performance established in 2003/04. In the few cases where targets have not been achieved, the reasons for this are explained in a cogent way, together with actions to address these where appropriate.

8.4 The programme for production of the Annual Progress Report has been brought forward to allow submission in June rather than July, to help the Government Office for the South East streamline their workflow and, as a consequence, will give an opportunity to resolve points of clarification during the assessment period.

9. GATWICK AIRPORT OUTLINE MASTER PLAN

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

DECISIONS

9.2 To inform BAA Gatwick that the County Council -

(1) strongly supports the full development of Gatwick as a single runway, two terminal airport, as set out in the draft Master Plan, subject to the renegotiation of the Sustainable Development Strategy with the Gatwick local authorities, particularly with respect to surface access; and

(2) maintains its support, in principle, for the safeguarding of land in the Master Plan, in order to accommodate a possible second runway at Gatwick, until such time as it becomes clearer whether such a runway will be needed.

Reason

9.3 East Sussex, in accordance with policy in its Structure Plan, strongly supports the development of Gatwick as a single runway, two terminal airport. The Master Plan can be welcomed as setting out the means by which the airport can achieve its full potential in this form. The economic and social benefits to East Sussex of allowing further growth at the airport beyond 2019 are likely to outweigh the local environmental costs. It is therefore appropriate for the county to support the safeguarding of land in the Master Plan to enable a second runway to be built, until such time as the need for this can be established.