

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 19 June 2017 at CC1, County Hall, Lewes

Councillors Belsey, Rodohan, Swansborough and Ungar spoke on item 5 (see minute 5)

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 20 MARCH 2017

1.1 RESOLVED to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2017.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

2.1 Councillor Belsey declared a personal interest in Item 5 as a resident of Kings Drive, one of the sites under discussion. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

3 REPORTS

3.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

4 SUSSEX ENERGY TARIFF

4.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

4.2 RESOLVED to agree that the County Council becomes a partner in marketing the take up of the Sussex Energy Tariff to residents.

Reasons

4.3 The tariff enables local residents to make financial savings by reducing their energy bills.

5 HAILSHAM-POLEGATE-EASTBOURNE MOVEMENT AND ACCESS CORRIDOR

5.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

5.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the outcome of the Hailsham/Polegate/Eastbourne Movement and Access corridor study as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

(2) approve consultation being undertaken on the proposed measures in September 2017; and

(3) agree that the outcomes of the consultation are reported back to a future decision making meeting, with a package of proposals to be recommended for taking forward for detailed design and construction.

Reasons

5.3 The increase in traffic generated from the proposed additional housing and employment in the South Wealden and Eastbourne area will result in increased levels of congestion on the road network, unless a package of mitigation measures is delivered. The Hailsham/Polegate/Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor study identified a package of measures as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, and includes improvements to key junctions, along with the provision of bus lanes and other bus infrastructure, together with new cycle routes and pedestrian improvements.

6 REVIEW OF THE EAST SUSSEX PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT (PFRA)

6.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

6.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the content of the report and supporting material; and

(2) endorse the East Sussex Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment and authorise its submission to the Environment Agency by the statutory deadline of 22 June 2017.

Reasons

6.3 The information provided by the Environment Agency is a reasonably accurate depiction of risk in the County given that its focus is on those areas which pass tests of national significance. There are implications for the County Council's Flood Risk Management Team. The risks identified by the EA are understood by the County Council and notwithstanding the uncertainties of managing the subsequent tasks required by statutory instrument, its findings should be endorsed.

7 REVIEW OF THE EAST SUSSEX LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY'S DELIVERY PLAN 2017/18

7.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

7.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the progress made on delivering the actions set out in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Delivery Plan (Appendix 1); and

(2) endorse the proposed draft Delivery Plan 2017/18 (Appendix 2)

Reasons

7.3 The adopted Local Flood Risk Management Strategy commits the County Council to regular reviews of the Delivery Plan.

8 FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICE

8.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

8.2 RESOLVED to agree to implement the proposed new and revised fees and charges within the Planning and Environment Services.

Reasons

8.3 The new and revised charges strike the right balance between enabling the County Council to recover a greater proportion of costs for providing discretionary services and having fees and charges that do not dissuade engagement with our statutory consultees.