

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 18 July 2017 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Godfrey Daniel spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 11 and 12)

9 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 19 JUNE 2017

9.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017.

10 REPORTS

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

11 PARKING SERVICES COMMISSIONING REVIEW

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

11.2 Officers agreed to clarify the appeals process, which includes a right of appeal to the Parking Adjudicator.

DECISIONS

11.3 RESOLVED to (1) note the commissioning work on the need for undertaking the Parking Service; and

(2) approve the commencement of procurement work on the contracting out of the parking enforcement service.

Reasons

11.4 The review has demonstrated the continued need for the parking service, both in its support of meeting the Local Transport Plan 3 objectives as well as the legal duty for the County Council to operate civil parking enforcement.

12 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REVISION

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

12.2 Officers clarified that Table 3 set out the minimum publicity requirements demanded by the Development Management Procedure Order, and that the County Council currently exceeds those requirements, which will be made more explicit. Officers also agreed to clarify the frequency and timing of Planning Committee meetings, as specified in paragraph 4.19 of the draft Statement.

DECISIONS

12.3 RESOLVED to approve the revised draft Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation, subject to the minor amendments set out at minute 12.2.

Reasons

12.4 The Council has to meet the statutory requirement to produce a Statement of Community Involvement. The draft Statement updates the existing document to take into account changes in national government planning policy and the Localism Act and reflects experiences in undertaking public consultation over the past four years. It reflects the changes to development management delegation arrangements within the South Downs National Park.

13 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND ON SOFT SAND BETWEEN THE SOUTH EAST MINERAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES

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

DECISIONS

13.2 RESOLVED to authorise the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to sign the Statement of Common Ground and review/update it and agree to amendments to it as necessary.

Reasons

13.3 The draft Statement of Common Ground is welcomed as a collaborative attempt to address supply issues facing an important mineral used by the construction industry. Participating in this joint approach to soft sand planning will also help the County Council to fulfil its duty to cooperate obligations. The measures set out in the Statement do not conflict with existing policies, and any additional requirements can be reviewed as part of the forthcoming review of the Waste and Minerals policies.

14 COUNCIL ORDER FOR THE EAST SUSSEX PERMIT SCHEME

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

DECISIONS

14.2 RESOLVED to approve the authorisation of a Council Order to be made in response to recent amendments to the East Sussex Permit Scheme.

Reasons

14.3 The Traffic Management Act 2004 empowered Highway Authorities to operate a permit scheme whereby all public utilities and statutory undertakers had to secure a permit before working in the public highway. In 2016 the South East Permit Scheme (SEPS) management steering group identified the need for greater control of utility works on minor roads.

14.4 The option to charge on minor roads requires the County Council's current permit scheme to be amended and a Council Order to be re-issued, if it is to continue to operate in parity with other SEPS members.