

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 21 May 2018 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Stephen Shing spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 3 and 4)
Councillor Stogdon spoke on item 5 (see minute 4)

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 19 MARCH 2018

1.1 The Lead Member confirmed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2018.

2 REPORTS

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

3 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN ALFRISTON HIGH STREET

3.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, with a correction to the date of the trial referred to at paragraph 2.8. He confirmed that he had received further correspondence from three residents of Alfriston and Seaford.

3.2 The following people spoke regarding the report: Dr June Goodfield (on behalf of SAFE); Bill Rendall (on behalf of the petitioners, Conserve Alfriston); Councillor Caroline Adcock (former member of SAFE and Conserve Alfriston, and current Alfriston Parish Councillor), and Councillor Ray Savage (on behalf of Alfriston Parish Council). The Lead Member confirmed that the proposals put forward by Conserve Alfriston would be addressed.

DECISIONS

3.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the conclusions of the design review undertaken on the traffic signal scheme, as presented by East Sussex County Council at their consultation exercise in 2016;

(2) note the review of the alternative measures, as presented by the Conserve Alfriston Group in May 2017; and

(3) agree that the proposals for a trial traffic signal scheme, as set out in the report, should be taken forward alongside a further four week trial of a 20mph speed limit so that the local community can consider the two schemes independently of one another and the results from this exercise shall be presented to Lead Member in Spring 2019 for further consideration.

Reasons

3.4 The results of the initial design review conducted by the Highways team has indicated that the location of the traffic signals near Market Square, as presented in the 2016 consultation exercise, will cause operational problems at the Square. Traffic modelling carried out in November 2017 on the proposal for traffic signals at Weavers Lane and Star Lane indicate that average network journey times would not significantly increase.

3.5 The four week trial using temporary traffic signals will enable any effects that the proposals may have to be observed in a live traffic situation. The additional four week speed limit restriction will allow the community to consider the two measures independently from each other.

3.6 The outcomes of the trial scheme, together with the feedback obtained from residents and businesses will be presented to a Lead Member meeting in Spring 2019 for further consideration as to how the scheme progresses.

4 GRASS CUTTING AND VEGETATION SERVICE MANAGEMENT POLICY CHANGE

4.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, together with a verbal update on the responses to the consultation with local councils.

DECISIONS

4.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the proposals set out in the report to provide grass cutting and vegetation management services following changes to funding from 2018/19; and

(2) approve the changes to the updated Highway Verge and Vegetation Management Policy and the rescission of chapter 2, Section 1a of the Transport and Asset Management Plan.

Reasons

4.3 The results and changes to the service set out in the report along with other proposed reductions in vegetation management services would provide the budget savings required and enable the County Council to meet its obligations for maintaining the highway.

4.4 The changes require a change to the existing grass cutting policy to reduce the requirement from five urban cuts per season to two cuts per season. The revised policy will provide a clear, consistent and up to date policy with respect to managing highway verges and vegetation services across the county and that meets the revised financial requirements for the service.

5 PROVISION OF AN ON-STREET ADVISORY DISABLED BAY - OSBORNE CLOSE, HASTINGS

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

DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) note the concerns raised by the objectors; and

(2) approve the introduction of an advisory disabled bay in Osborne Close, Hastings.

Reasons

5.3 The need for the disabled bay was identified during the application process and supported by the mobility assessment. The proposal will minimise the impact on parking requirements at this location, while still meeting the needs of the applicant.

6 ENFORCEMENT AND ISSUING OF REGULATION 10 PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES
BY DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT APPROVED DEVICES FOR THE OFFENCE OF
DRIVING ALONG BUS LANES CONTRAVENTIONS

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

DECISIONS

6.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to authorise an application to the Department for Transport for the enforcement of bus lane contraventions and the issue of Regulation 10 Penalty Charge Notices under the Traffic Management Act 2004 from May 2019.

Reasons

6.3 The application will enable the effective enforcement of bus lanes in the County.