

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 16 July 2018 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Kathryn Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 15)
Councillor Carolyn Lambert spoke on item 5 (see minute 16)

13 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 18 JUNE 2018

13.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018.

14 REPORTS

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

15 PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON BATTLE HILL, BATTLE IN THE VICINITY OF TESCO EXPRESS

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

15.2 Maya Andrew and Ollie Tomasetti, students at Claverham Community College and Mr Leighton Morgan, a member of staff, spoke in support of the petition.

DECISION

15.3 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that (1) the request for a pedestrian crossing was previously assessed using the scheme prioritisation process for local transport improvements; and

(2) due to a recent crash involving a pedestrian within the vicinity, the County Council have commissioned a feasibility study through the 2018/19 capital programme for local transport improvements to ascertain whether a pedestrian facility should be delivered along Battle Hill.

Reasons

15.4 The scheme was previously not ranked sufficiently highly for inclusion onto the capital programme for transport improvements. However, due to the severity of a recent pedestrian-related crash, the County Council has commissioned a feasibility study to ascertain whether a pedestrian crossing facility and any other speed reducing measures should be delivered. The study will be funded through the 2018/19 capital programme.

16 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN BELGRAVE ROAD, SEAFORD

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

16.2 Mrs Elizabeth Weinberg, Secretary of Seaford and Blatchington Tennis Club and Mr Chris Davey, Headteacher of Seaford Primary School, spoke about the proposal.

DECISION

16.3 RESOLVED to (1) note the comments from the local consultation; and

(2) approve the proposal for the pedestrian crossing in Belgrave Road as set out in the report to be taken forward to construction as part of the 2018/19 capital programme for local transport improvements.

Reasons

16.4 There are currently no dedicated pedestrian crossing facilities in Belgrave Road, and the County Council has received request for such a facility to be introduced which have been considered through the scheme prioritisation process. Survey and design work has identified the most appropriate location for a zebra crossing to be introduced on Belgrave Road is between the junctions with Kingsmead and Wilkinson Way. The local consultation identified both support for the scheme and objections.

16.5 It is acknowledged that the loss of seven parking spaces will have some impact locally it is considered that these are outweighed by the road safety and accessibility improvements the crossing will bring to the local community.

17 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING STRATEGY: PROGRESS UPDATE

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

DECISION

17.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the progress and options available for the future management of the eight countryside sites; and

(2) approve the approach set out in the report for assessing options, decision making and completion of the project.

Reasons

17.3 There are a number of options available to the County Council and a detailed phase of analysis and continued discussion with external organisations, the Place Scrutiny Committee and key interested parties is required.

17.4 The analysis will result in the development of a business case, which will form the basis of a recommendation to be presented to Lead Member at a future meeting.

18 WELL-MANAGED HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE: CODE OF PRACTICE

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

DECISION

18.2 RESOLVED to (1) adopt the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice;

(2) endorse the progress and actions in place to ensure the authority will comply with the Code;
and

(3) recognize the implications of the new Code of Practice on the County Council.

Reasons

18.3 The implementation of the Code is well underway with actions in place to ensure compliance by October 2018. Of the 36 recommendations of the Code, the County Council is fully compliant with 21. The remaining 15 have actions underway to ensure full compliance.