

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Nick Bennett, on 21 January 2019 at County Hall, Lewes

31 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018

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

32 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

32.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

33 REPORTS

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

34 A259 BEXHILL ROAD BUS LANE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

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

DECISIONS

34.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to (1) Agree to the implementation of a trial permitting cyclists, powered two-wheelers and taxis to use the Phase 1 bus lanes along the A259 Bexhill Road;

(2) To authorise the inclusion of cycling (along with powered two-wheelers and taxis) in the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the Phase 1 A259 Bexhill Road bus lanes; and

(3) To extend the trial period to a maximum of 18 months.

Reasons

34.3 Phase 1 of the A259 Bexhill Road bus lane (between Glyne Gap and Filsham Road) in Hastings is part of the BHLR complementary measures and came into effect in November 2018. At present, the TRO only allows buses to use the bus lane. Allowing cyclists, as well as PTWs and taxis, to use the bus lane would potentially reduce the exposure of riders to general traffic, improve safety and reduce journey times as well as reduce pollution levels.

34.4 Safety audits and assessments have not identified any issues with cyclists, PTWs or taxis using the A259 Bexhill Road Phase 1 bus lanes which would prevent a trial going ahead.

35 HIGH WEALD MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

DECISIONS

35.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to adopt the High Weald Management Plan 2019 – 2024 as approved by the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee.

Reasons

35.3 Adoption will enable the County Council to meet its statutory duty to ensure the preparation and publication of a Management Plan for the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within East Sussex.

36 COUNCIL ORDER FOR THE EAST SUSSEX PERMIT SCHEME

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

DECISIONS

36.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to approve the authorisation of a Council Order to bring into force amendments to the East Sussex Permit Scheme.

Reasons

36.3 The Council Order will enable East Sussex County Council to effectively manage the network and continue to operate alongside SEPS members in the South East.