

LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety, Councillor Bill Bentley, on 30 May 2019 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor John Ungar spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 4 and 5)

1 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 APRIL 2019

1.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

2.1 Councillor John Ungar declared a personal interest in Item 4 in that a family member lives in Summerdown Road, but 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 PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SIGNALISED JUNCTION OF VICTORIA DRIVE, SUMMERDOWN ROAD, EAST DEAN ROAD AND CHURCH STREET, EASTBOURNE

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

4.2 Mr Robert McGowan, the Lead Petitioner, spoke in support of the petition's aims.

DECISIONS

4.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that (1) potential improvements for pedestrians and cyclists at this junction, such as providing pedestrian phases at the signals, have been assessed through the approved High Level Sift process; and

(2) the proposal was assessed further as part of the Detailed Assessment stage, however it did not rank highly enough to be included within the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

Reasons

4.4 The detailed appraisal was carried out in late 2018 and was ranked 38 out of 76 appraisals assessed. There are sufficient funds available to consider the first 21 schemes on the detailed appraisal assessment list, which forms the Capital Programme for Transport Improvements. The Capital Programme was approved by the Lead Member in March 2019.

4.5 The request will continue to be retained on record for possible inclusion in a future programme. A scheme could also secure entry in the event that external funding becomes available, for example from funding raised by the local community.

5 REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING – GORE PARK ROAD, EASTBOURNE

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

DECISIONS

5.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that (1) a traffic calming scheme for Gore Park Road is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and

(2) a safety survey of the condition of the footway and carriageway in Gore Park Road has been carried out.

Reasons

5.3 The current condition of Gore Park Road was inspected by the Local Highway Steward on 21 February. The inspection identified four areas of pavement posing a trip hazard to users, two potholes and two drain covers that needed to be reset. These repairs were carried out within 28 days. Gore Park Road is inspected on six-monthly basis as part of the routine safety inspection.

5.4 Appropriate improvements could be considered should an alternative source of income become available or if an application through the Community Match Fund was successful. In order to determine what measures could be suitable, it is suggested that residents contact the Borough Council to assist with the commissioning of a Feasibility Study, which will identify possible improvements and provide an estimate of potential costs.