



LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment,
Councillor Claire Dowling

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2020 AT 12.00 NOON

CC2 - COUNTY HALL, LEWES

++ Please note, the Lead Member will not be present in person, but will take the decisions remotely ++

AGENDA

- 1 Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 16 March 2020 (*Pages 3 - 6*)
- 2 Disclosure of Interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 3 Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
- 4 Parking Charges (*Pages 7 - 8*)
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
- 5 Concessionary Fares Scheme (*Pages 9 - 10*)
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
- 6 Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Claire Dowling, on 16 March 2020 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Stephen Shing spoke on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 (see minutes 34, 35, 36 and 37)

32 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 17 FEBRUARY 2020

32.1 The Lead Member resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2020 as a correct record.

33 REPORTS

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

34 SUSSEX LOCAL NATURAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

DECISIONS

34.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the publication of the Sussex Natural Capital Investment Strategy; and

(2) endorse the Sussex Natural Investment Strategy.

Reasons

34.3 The Sussex Natural Capital Investment Strategy provides an important part of the evidence base for the development of the Local Industrial Strategy and the Environment Strategy for East Sussex. It recognises the value of existing natural capital to people and the economy, as well as the need and the opportunity to be gained from driving more investment into natural capital. It will enable the Local Nature Partnership to move on to developing an investment plan.

35 CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS 2020/21

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

DECISIONS

35.2 RESOLVED to (1) Agree the programme of local transport improvements for 2020/21 set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report; and

(2) Agree the allocation of County Council capital funding, development contributions and Local Growth Fund monies towards specific improvements identified in the 2020/21 programme.

Reasons

35.3 The draft capital programme set out in Appendix 1 of the report represents a balanced programme of improvements which will help deliver not only the objectives of the County Council's Local Transport Plan, but also contribute to achieving broader corporate objectives.

35.4 The draft capital programme was circulated to all Councillors in February 2020 for comments. The comments received from Councillors were considered at a cross-party Member Panel, consisting of Councillors Bowdler, Godfrey Daniel, Grover, and an Independent representative, held on 2 March 2020. The Panel reviewed the draft programme and supported the proposals without amendment.

36 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

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

DECISIONS

36.2 RESOLVED (1) to note progress on the Waste and Minerals Local Plan Review;

(2) To agree the Waste and Minerals Local Plan: Draft Revised Policies, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for publication and consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and

(3) To authorise the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, in consultation with the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, to agree to any minor amendments to the Waste and Minerals Local Plan: Draft Revised Policies, prior to publication and consultation.

Reasons

36.3 The Waste and Minerals Local Plan: Draft Revised Policies (RPD) is a Local Plan document. Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires that Local Planning Authorities "invite ... representations to the local planning authority about what a local plan with that subject ought to contain." The consultation(s) on the RPD will ensure that the RPD meets this requirement. If all partner Authorities agree, the draft Local Plan Review will be published for public consultation in spring 2020 for a period of at least eight weeks, in line with the Authorities' various Statements of Community Involvement.

36.4 The RPD may, prior to consultation, be subject to minor amendments owing to possible requests by Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority, who are co-authors of the Plan, through their own approvals processes.

37 REVIEW OF THE EAST SUSSEX LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY'S DELIVERY PLAN

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

DECISIONS

37.2 RESOLVED to (1) Note the progress made on delivering the actions set out in the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Delivery Plan 2017/18 (Appendix 1 of the report); and

(2) Endorse the proposed draft Delivery Plan for the period up until the end of March 2023 (Appendix 2 of the report).

Reasons

37.3 The adopted Local Flood Risk Management Strategy commits the County Council to regular reviews of the Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan outlines strategic actions undertaken by the Risk Management Authorities in East Sussex and other key partners, to address local flooding issues.

37.4 As many of the actions set out in the Delivery Plan often have a long delivery timeframe, it is considered sensible that rather than covering a 12 month period, the Delivery Plan should cover a much longer period in order for reporting on progress to be meaningful.

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Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 3 April 2020

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Parking Charges

Purpose: To consider whether to delay the introduction of parking charge increases

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to approve the delay to the introduction of parking charge increases until 1 July 2020.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Lead Member for Transport and Environment has asked that the proposed increases in on-street car parking charges that were intended to come into force on 27th April should be deferred in the wake of the covid-19 situation.

1.2 The proposed increases in on-street pay and display tariffs and permit charges would have generated revenues of approx. £2.0m.

1.3 Irrespective of whether the increases are introduced or delayed, the Authority might expect to see a general downturn in footfall coming into the towns and villages and a corresponding drop in parking revenue from pay and display and permits. The parking team has modelled a 10%, 30% and 50% downturn in footfall which could result in a loss of revenue ranging between £460k and £2.3m depending on the level of downturn and length of time.

1.4 If the increases to Pay & Display tariffs are deferred by 1, 2, 3 and 6 months the loss of additional revenue could range from £150k to £920k, in addition to those figures above.

1.5 If the increases in permit charges are similarly deferred by 1, 2, 3 and 6 months the loss of revenue could range between £13k and £80k, in addition to the figures above.

1.6 It is not easy to fully assess the full financial impact of deferring the increases as the revenues are directly related to footfall and the impact of social-distancing.

2.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

2.1 The Lead Member is recommended to approve the deferral of the introduction of the proposed increases in on-street parking charges until 1 July 2020.

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LOCAL MEMBERS

All members whose electoral divisions are within areas with on-street parking charges in Eastbourne and Hastings Borough and Lewes District.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 3 April 2020

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Concessionary Fares Scheme

Purpose: To consider an extension of the operating hours of the National Concessionary Fares Scheme

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to approve an extension to the operating hours of the Concessionary Fares Scheme to allow pass holders to use their passes at any time during the day for 12 weeks (unless a longer period is directed by government).

1.0 Background

1.1 The County Council has been asked by the media and local bus companies to allow Concessionary Bus Pass holders to be able to use their bus passes at any time of the day so that older people can get to the supermarkets now that most have introduced dedicated slots for the over-70's. In the meantime, the main bus operators in the County (Stagecoach, Compass Travel, Metrobus and Brighton & Hove) have made their own decisions to allow free travel at any time to pass-holders for a temporary period.

1.2 It is difficult to gauge how much this might cost the Authority because it will depend on the take-up and bus patronage. The County Council used to allow concessionary passes to be used from 09:00am as a discretionary offer but stopped giving that concession in 2011 to save approximately £100,000 per annum. The worst case might be a cost in the region of £100,000 and it may not be possible to offset this cost through a reduction in overall concessionary bus pass usage.

2.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

2.1 The Lead Member is recommended to approve the extension of the Concessionary Fares Scheme to allow pass holders to use their passes at any time during the day, and not just after 09:30am, and for this to relaxation to remain in place for 12 weeks, unless directed by government, at which point we will undertake a review.

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