

LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Communities and Safety, Councillor Bill Bentley, on 27 September 2017 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Elkin spoke on item 6 (see minute 19)

15 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

15.1 The Lead Member confirmed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2017.

16 REPORTS

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

17 ONE WAY SYSTEM AND 20MPH SPEED LIMIT - ASHGATE ROAD, EASTBOURNE

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

DECISIONS

17.2 RESOLVED to inform the petitioners that (1) a one-way system on Ashgate Road is not a priority for the County Council at the present time;

(2) the implementation of a 20mph speed limit is not a priority for the County Council at the present time; and

(3) additional parking places in the area specified cannot be provided by the County Council as the area in question is not public highway.

Reasons

17.3 The County Council has a limited amount of funding to develop local transport improvements and we need to ensure that we target our resources to those schemes that will be of greatest benefit to our local communities. The proposal did not meet the benchmark score to enable it to be taken forward at this time.

17.4 The grassed area outside Nos 15-25 Ashgate Road is not designated a public highway and the County Council as Highway Authority does not jurisdiction over the area, and residents are advised to contact Eastbourne Borough Council with their request for the area to be converted to parking.

18 PROVISION OF AN ON-STREET ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY IN MANOR END, UCKFIELD

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

DECISIONS

18.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the concerns raised by the objector; and

(2) approve the provision of an on-street advisory disabled parking bay in Manor End, Uckfield.

Reasons

18.3 The need for the disabled bay was identified by site assessments undertaken by the Traffic and Safety Officer, and supported by the information given in the initial application. The criteria of Policy PS4/18 have been met, so the applicant is entitled to an advisory disabled parking space.

19 BUSINESS ADVICE & SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP (BAASP)

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

DECISIONS

19.2 RESOLVED to (1) endorse the entering into partnership with four other local authorities in order to offer a single branded business advice service in collaboration together;

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to enter all such agreements necessary to give effect to recommendation (1); and

(3) agree to the reduction of the hourly rate for a chargeable business advice from £72 + VAT to £70 + VAT to ensure fees are uniform across the partnership.

Reasons

19.3 Whilst East Sussex Trading Standards could continue to act independently outside of the partnership, there are clear advantages of working collaboratively, very much focused on shared resources giving rise to shared benefits for the local authority partners and local businesses. It is essential that the five authorities offer the same rate to enable most effective and clear marketing.

19.4 The Lead Member requested that the partnership be kept under constant review, and that the exercise of the delegation in terms of variations to the membership of the partnership be made in consultation with him. The Lead Member also confirmed that he would be prepared to consider further reports on the chargeable rate, should the partnership determine that a higher rate was appropriate in the future.