

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Carl Maynard on 23 February 2015 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor Galley spoke on item 4 (see minute 64)

Councillor Pursglove spoke on items 5 and 6 (see minutes 65 and 66)

Councillor Rodohan spoke on item 6 (see minute 66)

Councillor St Pierre spoke on item 5 (see minute 65)

Councillor Stogdon spoke on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 (see minutes 64, 65, 66 and 67)

Councillor Ungar spoke on item 6 (see minute 66)

62. MINUTES

62.1 Councillor Maynard approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015.

63. REPORTS

63.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

64. PETITION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 40MPH ON THE A26, ROSE HILL, ISFIELD

64.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which considered the response to a petition requesting the introduction of a 40mph speed limit at Rose Hill, Isfield. The Lead Petitioner, Jerry Phillips, spoke in support of the petition.

DECISIONS

64.2 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that the existing 50mph speed limit on the A26 at Rose Hill, Isfield is considered the most appropriate for this part of the road and that officers will review the signs and lines at the junctions of the A26 with Horsted Lane/Bradford's Lane and with Kiln Lane, in consultation with the Parish Council and Local Member.

Reason

64.3 The A26 at Rose Hill, Isfield does not give the drivers sufficient visual message to support a 40mph speed limit. As a result the existing 50mph speed limit is considered to be the most appropriate speed limit for the road.

65. PETITION CALLING ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO RELEASE THE SITE KNOWN AS OLD HAMSEY BRICKWORKS FROM THE SAFEGUARDED WASTE SITES PUBLISHED IN THE DRAFT EAST SUSSEX, SOUTH DOWNS AND BRIGHTON & HOVE WASTE AND MINERALS SITES PLAN

65.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which considered the response to a petition calling on the County Council to release the site known as Old Hamsey Brickworks from the safeguarded waste sites published in the draft East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Sites Plan. Tony Cook, Head of Planning and Environment, set out that the authorities anticipated submitting a draft Plan during the summer to the Planning Inspectorate for Public Examination, and for adoption of the Plan to begin in 2016. The Lead Petitioner, Mr Martin Blackmore, spoke in support of the petition.

DECISIONS

65.2 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that any decision to change the position of Old Hamsey Brickworks as a Safeguarded Waste Site would be premature in advance of the three partner Authorities for the Waste and Minerals Plan – East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and South Downs National Park Authority – considering, in the light of comments on the draft Waste and Minerals Sites Plan, the overall safeguarded waste management capacity for the Plan Area, or, the feasibility of increasing provision through the allocation of new locations, in order to satisfy the net self-sufficiency requirements of the Waste and Minerals Plan.

Reason

65.3 Releasing Old Hamsey Brickworks as a safeguarded waste site at this stage would be premature and would prejudice future decisions by East Sussex County Council, Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority on safeguarded capacity for waste management, and, the likelihood of further provision within the Plan Area, to satisfy the requirement for net self-sufficiency.

66. SUSTAINABLE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN EASTBOURNE DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THE CONQUEST HOSPITAL, HASTINGS

66.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which provided an update on progress on working with relevant authorities and partners to develop a sustainable shuttle bus service between Eastbourne District General Hospital and the Conquest Hospital, Hastings. Neil Maguire, Team Manager – Public Transport Services, set out that a joint rail and bus ticket between the two hospitals should be launched in the summer.

DECISIONS

66.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the contents of the report including the fact that access to the new centralised primary health care provision is ultimately a matter for the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust;
(2) agree East Sussex County Council continue to work with all relevant partners to facilitate opportunities to develop a sustainable shuttle bus service between the Eastbourne District General Hospital and the Conquest Hospital, Hastings; and
(3) to receive a further progress report once the East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust has provided its analysis of staff travel arrangements.

Reason

66.3 As noted by the Lead Member for Resources, access to the new centralised primary health care provision is ultimately a matter for ESHT. The County Council will work with all relevant authorities and partners to facilitate a new shuttle bus service, but such arrangements will exclude the County Council contributing funding.

67. PROPOSED PART-TIME ADVISORY 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ON PARK AVENUE AND PARK LANE IN EASTBOURNE

67.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which provided the results of the consultation on a part-time advisory 20mph Speed Limit in the vicinity of Ratton School on Park Avenue and Park Road, Eastbourne.

DECISIONS

67.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the results of the public consultation on the proposals for a part time advisory 20mph speed limit on Park Avenue and Park Lane in Eastbourne; and
(2) agree that the proposed part-time advisory 20mph speed limit be taken forward to detailed design and construction.

Reasons

67.3 The analysis of the results of the consultation exercise shows that a majority of those who responded supported the introduction of an advisory 20mph speed limit on a part-time basis. Whilst some respondents would prefer the introduction of a mandatory 20mph speed limit operating at all times, the introduction of an advisory part-time limit would still address the specific speeding concerns raised in the original petition.