

LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Carl Maynard, on 27 April 2015 at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes

Councillor Tutt spoke on item 4 (see minute 77)

75 MINUTES

75.1 Councillor Maynard approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2015.

76 REPORTS

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

77 PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON ST PHILIP'S AVENUE, EASTBOURNE

77.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which provided a response to a petition presented to the County Council in October 2014. The Lead Petitioner, Christopher Yeomanson, spoke in support of the petition.

77.2 Councillor Tutt, the Local Member, suggested the removal of the double yellow lines would encourage parking on both sides of the avenue, and offered the Borough Council's support in finding a means of reducing speeds in St Philip's Avenue.

DECISIONS

77.3 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners (1) that the introduction of traffic calming measures along St Philip's Avenue has been assessed using the scheme prioritisation process for local transport improvements;
(2) that as a result of this assessment, the scheme is not of sufficient priority to be considered for funding through the capital programme for local transport improvements;
(3) that the petitioners may wish to consider working with Eastbourne Borough Council to submit an application for the scheme to be considered for potential match funding as part of the County Council's Community Match Finding; and
(4) that the viability of the removal of double yellow lines from St Philip's Avenue will be investigated, by means of public consultation and community event, and consultation with the bus operators.

Reason

77.4 The introduction of traffic calming measures along St Philip's Avenue has been assessed using the scheme prioritisation process for local transport improvements, but the scheme is not of sufficient priority to be considered for funding through the capital programme. Alternative means of achieving lower speeds will be investigated in partnership with the Borough Council, local community and bus operators.

78 NOTICE OF MOTION: NATURAL CAPITAL

78.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which provided a response to a proposed Notice of Motion from Councillors O’Keeffe and Earl.

DECISIONS

78.2 RESOLVED to recommend that the County Council (1) reject the Notice of Motion from Councillors O’Keeffe and Earl, because it does not recognise the range of strategies already adopted by the County Council that promote the natural environment, and the need to work with partners to enhance the delivery of improvements to the natural environment; and (2) agree an amended Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report.

Reasons

78.3 Enhancement of the natural environment is already recognised by the County Council in the production of relevant strategies and in decision taking in implementing the strategies and other related action. The County Council also works with partners to identify opportunities to further improve green infrastructure.

79 CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR SPEED REDUCTION FOR 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR

79.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which provided an update on progress made on the village assessments and the review of speed limits on rural A and B class roads, and sought approval of the capital programme for the 2015/16 financial year.

DECISIONS

79.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the progress to date with the review of speed limits in villages and on rural A and B class roads;
(2) agree the capital programme for Speed Management for the 2015/16 financial year as outlined in appendix 4 of the report; and
(3) request that parish councils be kept informed of progress with any speed surveys required.

Reason

79.3 The Road Safety team will continue to work with Sussex Police to identify a priority list for lower speed limits based on their contribution to road safety for the 2015/16 financial year.

80 PROVISION OF AN ON-STREET ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY IN ROBIN CLOSE, EASTBOURNE

80.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport which presented objections to the introduction of an on-street advisory disabled parking bay. Photographs of the site were circulated at the meeting.

DECISIONS

80.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the concerns raised by the objectors; and
(2) approve the introduction of an on-street advisory disabled bay in Robins Close, Eastbourne

Reason

80.3 The requirements of Policy PS4/18 have been met, and the need for the bay was identified by the site assessment undertaken by the Traffic Engineer, and supported by the information given in the initial application.