

## **LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT**

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Claire Dowling, on 13 June 2022 at CC1, County Hall, Lewes.

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Councillor Georgia Taylor spoke on item 4 (see minute 11)

Councillors Sam Adeniji, Godfrey Daniel, Ian Hollidge and Georgia Taylor spoke on item 5 (see minute 12)

### 7. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 MAY 2022

7.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2022.

### 8. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

8.1 There were none.

### 9. URGENT ITEMS

9.1 There were none.

### 10. REPORTS

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

## 11. PETITION TO CONSIDER ROAD SAFETY AT ERIDGE GREEN (A26)

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

11.2 Mr Ian Holton, the Lead Petitioner for the petition calling on the County Council to consider road safety at Eridge Green, spoke to highlight safety concerns relating to speed of vehicles, pedestrian crossing safety, overhanging vegetation, the existing vehicle activated sign and road safety in the whole of the Eridge Green area.

### DECISIONS

11.3 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) Advise the petitioners that a pedestrian crossing on the A26 at Eridge Green is not a priority for East Sussex County Council at the present time;

(2) A reduction of the existing 40mph speed limit on the A26 at Eridge Green is not a priority for East Sussex County Council at the present time;

(3) The implementation of traffic calming on an 'A' class road would not be supported by emergency services as this would affect their response times;

(4) Improvements to the junction of Sham Farm Road is not a priority for East Sussex County Council at the present time;

(5) Although not a priority for East Sussex County Council, a request for measures could be put forward via the Parish Council requesting a Feasibility Study and using the Community Match Initiative;

(6) The implementation of Pedestrian warning signs will be assessed against national criteria and guidance; and

(7) East Sussex Highways have been asked to assess the condition of the road markings in the area and make improvements where appropriate.

### REASONS

11.4 A lower speed limit and pedestrian crossing on the A26 Eridge Green does not meet the County Council's criteria and, therefore, due to limited resources this site would not be a priority to consider above those currently identified for investigation.

11.5 Traffic calming measures has not been identified as a priority for the County Council at the present time and that the measures available for use on a busy A class road are very limited owing to the likelihood of formal objections from statutory consultees to such proposals.

11.6 Due to the crash record at the junction of Sham Farm Road/A26, this site would not be a priority to consider above those currently identified for investigation.

11.7 Rotherfield Parish Council can be approached to support a Feasibility Study into whether any measures could be considered for part funding through the Community Match initiative.

## 12. NOTICE OF MOTION - DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED WASTEWATER BY SOUTHERN WATER

12.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport along with written comments from Councillor Kathryn Field as the proposer of the motion.

### DECISIONS

12.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to recommend that the County Council approve an amended motion as set out below:

- (1) The Environment Agency to swiftly complete a full and transparent investigation into the 5th February Eastbourne discharge, and sewage discharges across East Sussex.
- (2) Recommendations from investigations be published with clear action plans agreed with the regulators where appropriate.
- (3) Southern Water to take responsibility for sewage discharges in East Sussex and apologise to residents, businesses and visitors where appropriate to do so and offer a full explanation.
- (4) The regulators to consider stronger penalties or mechanisms to reduce incidents of unauthorised discharges of sewage.

### REASONS

12.3 The Council recognises the importance of this issue and the impact that it has on East Sussex residents, businesses, visitors and the environment.