

NORTH DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

29 June 2017

Present:-

Devon County Council:

Councillors J Yabsley (Chairman), F Biederman, C Chugg, P Crabb, A Davis, R Edgell, B Greenslade, J Mathews and J Yabsley

North Devon District Council

Councillors M Manuel and G Lane

Devon Association of Local Councils

Mr I Cowling

Apologies:

Councillor D Chalmers (Devon Association of Local Councils)

* **1** **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillors Yabsley and Chugg be elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the ensuing year.

* **2** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2017 be signed as a correct record.

* **3** **Matter of Urgency: Closure of the North Devon Link Road**

(An item taken under Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.)

The Chairman had decided that, at the request of Councillor Greenslade, the Committee should consider this item as a matter of urgency due to the length of time of the closure and the adequacy of traffic diversions being in place.

Councillor Greenslade raised concerns at the forthcoming closure of the North Devon Link Road for nine weeks whilst essential works were carried out and questioned the length of time needed and whether or not the diversions proposed were adequate. The Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste would investigate and circulate further details on the closure to Members.

* **4** **Members' Induction**

The Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste gave a presentation on the work of the Committee covering the Constitution, Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation.

[NB A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.]

* **5** **Devon Highways Term Maintenance Contract**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr S Kane (Contract Manager) Skanska UK covering the Company's origin and ethos, number of employees worldwide and UK and wide ranging infrastructure and engineering activities across local authority and other sectors.

Members' questions and comments related to:

- the delay of TROs and other works during the transitional period and the reasons for this;
- pothole repair policy and the efficiencies thereof;
- the Council's financial constraints.

The Committee thanked Mr Kane for his comprehensive presentation.

[NB A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.]

* **6** **Annual Local Waiting Restrictions Programme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/45) on the annual local waiting programme for the HATOC area for the funding and delivery of waiting restriction schemes for 2017/18 to include minor aids to movement improvements such as drop crossing, footway improvements and bollards.

The Committee noted that the Cabinet had allocated an amount of £100,000 countywide from the On Street Parking Account to this process in 2017/18 which equated to £12,500 to each HATOC area.

The Acting Chief Officer reminded Members that all proposals need to be evaluated by the end of July and contact would be made with Members appropriately.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Mathews, **SECONDED** by Councillor Davis and

RESOLVED

- (a) that work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2017/18 be noted;
- (b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix I to the Report be endorsed and, subject to consultation with local Members on the details, the proposals be advertised.

* **7** **Cedars Roundabout, Barnstaple**

(Councillor Greenslade declared a personal interest in this matter by virtue of having family residing in the area.)

The Committee received the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/17/33) summarising the traffic situation at Cedars roundabout and the eight options that had been investigated to improve traffic priority from Bickington and Fremington. The Report recommended that feasibility scheme option 8 shown on the plan attached to the Report be progressed, subject to funding and final scheme approval.

Members were informed that journey time delays at Cedars roundabout were experienced predominantly during the morning commuter period where there was strong travel demand inbound to Barnstaple from both Bickington and Roundswell directions, with traffic turning right from Roundswell having priority through the roundabout leading to delays for traffic entering from Bickington.

Members' comments and questions in discussion with the Head of Service covered, inter alia:

- how the scheme should be considered in conjunction with a new road route through the Larkbear development between the A361 and Roundswell relieving traffic issues at Old

Torrington Road and reducing exit blocking at Cedars; and a new road route between Bickington and the A39 providing an alternative for the right turning traffic at Cedars junction from Bickington;

- the recommended option 8 providing improved pedestrian links to Sticklepath Primary School;
- the possibility of trialling temporary lights for a short period.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Biederman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mathews and

RESOLVED that the Report be noted and that feasibility scheme option 8 shown on Plan DCCP15701-008 in Appendix I to the Report be progressed, subject to funding and final scheme approval to be further considered by the October HATOC meeting; and further consultation with Local Members.

* **8** **The Devon County Council (Nadder Lane & South Street, South Molton) (30mph Speed Limit & Restricted Road and 40mph Speed Limit Revocation) Order**

The Committee received the Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/46) which considered the submissions received during the South Molton Nadder Lane and South Street Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Calming consultation, in particular, the submissions received to the proposed 30mph speed limit extension at Nadder Lane and the revocation of the 40mph speed limit.

Members noted that South Molton Town Council had endorsed the proposals.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Yabsley, **SECONDED** by Councillor Lane and

RESOLVED

- (a) that the responses to the proposed Traffic Order be noted;
- (b) that the Traffic Order, as advertised, be made, sealed and implemented in respect of the 30mph Speed Limit Extensions;
- (c) that the remaining 40mph Transitional Speed Limit on Nadder Lane be left in place temporarily;
- (d) that in response to representations received and subject to Cabinet approval to this 'Departure from Policy' being agreed, an amendment to the Traffic Order be advertised to provide an extended minimum Transitional 40mph speed limit on Nadder Lane.

* **9** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

No petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to North Devon had been received.

* **10** **Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Acting Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure and Waste (HIW/17/47) on action taken by her in consultation with the Chairman and Local Members.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 12.20 pm