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CABINET

Wednesday, 13th March, 2024

A meeting of the Cabinet is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am in the Committee Suite (DAW) - County Hall to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

7 Question(s) from Members of the Council (Pages 1 - 2)



QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL Wednesday 13 March 2024

1. **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRADFORD** **Re: Opposition of Queen Street Plans**

When the 'blanket 20 mph' in Newton Abbot was consulted on and had a majority of residents object to it, you shelved the plans.

Why would you go against the majority of residents and businesses regarding Queen Street?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

The scheme has undergone significant consultation at every stage of project development, including a wide-ranging public consultation between April and June 2022 and a statutory Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in October and November 2022. Subsequent to these consultations and with amendments made to improve arrangements for loading for businesses, Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) noted its support for the scheme in July 2022 and approved the making and sealing of amended TROs in June 2023. Devon County Council Cabinet gave approval for construction in July 2023. In response to further feedback from businesses, Teignbridge HATOC approved a further relaxation to the TROs in February 2024. In the same month, Teignbridge District Full Council reaffirmed its support for the delivery of the scheme. On the basis of these approvals, and following the appropriate democratic process, a construction contract has now been awarded to progress scheme delivery.

2. **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRADFORD** **Re: Lessons from Totnes High Street**

What has DCC learned from the Totnes High Street reversal at the High Court defeat, in so much as messing around with traffic orders caused business failures and a stand-off with traders. How are you implementing that learning with Queen Street?

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

The High Court decision on the Totnes case was made as a result of an objection from the bus service, which the judges resolved was not properly considered by the Council. This is therefore not a comparable case with the Queen Street proposals, as bus services will remain unaffected by the Traffic Regulation Orders. However, the Council always reviews our Traffic Regulation Order processes following comments made through any legal challenges, and we ensure that lessons are learnt, and processes updated where necessary.

