

MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

11 October 2016

Present:

Devon County Council:

Councillors R Radford (Chairman), N Way and P Colthorpe

Mid Devon District Council:

Councillors R Chesterton and D Coren

Apologies:

Councillors J Berry, D Hannon and M Squires

* **7** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* **8** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

* **9** **Devon Highways Update**

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported on the Cabinet's decision to award the County Council's Highways Term Maintenance Contract to Skanska Construction UK Limited, as a single lot bid for the County Council (for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2024, with extension options to 2027).

* **10** **Community Road Warden Scheme**

The Committee received the report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste (HCW/16/70) on changes to the Community Road Warden Scheme in light of feedback received since its introduction two years ago. The Scheme guidance was being simplified and updated, and its scope widened to include the option to undertake minor carriageway surfacing repairs, and a process to apply for financial grants towards materials, labour and equipment introduced. Applications received for funding would be considered on a case by case basis.

The intention was to relaunch the Scheme through a number of local Parish and Town Council events to be held during November.

Members' discussion points with the Head of Service included:

- the relatively low number of Road Warden Agreements (20 to date, from some 450 Town and Parish Councils);
- encouragement of Chapter 8 training, in readiness for when works were required;
- arrangements for combined town and parish highway conferences on the updated Scheme, where the County Council's Project Officer would also be available to further brief Parish Councils as necessary; and
- the flexibility of support available for Towns and Parishes.

* **11** **Crediton Link Road Impact on Traffic and Air Quality (Minute *3/29 June 2016)**

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported as requested at the previous meeting on traffic flow data for the locations at Higher Road and Jockey Hill in Crediton, following the construction of the Crediton Link Road, showing 2-way changes in 12 hour traffic flows between 2010 and 2015.

It was acknowledged that the Link Road had achieved its objectives but that there were continuing concerns due to the volume and speed of traffic on Jockey Hill and the narrow width of Higher Road. The data provided showed an increase of 19% in traffic flow on Jockey Hill. The Head of Service agreed to examine the concerns of the Committee at both the Higher Road and Jockey Hill locations and report back to the next meeting.

* **12** **Proposed Prohibition of Vehicles, Washfield Lane (Farleigh Meadows), Tiverton (Minute *4/29 June 2016)**

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste reported as requested at the previous meeting that the future maintenance responsibility for the area of land to the west of the proposed junction realignment at Washfield Lane (Farleigh Meadows), Tiverton, as shown on drawing 16002/001 to report PTE/16/18 would, except for a small area of Highways verge, remain with the Developer.

* **13** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no current petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to Mid Devon.

* **14** **Transport Capital Programme 2016/17 (Cabinet Minute *70/14 September 2016)**

The Committee received the report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/16/43) approved by the Cabinet at its meeting on 14 September 2016 on the revised Transport Capital Programme for 2016/17 to reflect changes in scheme costs, funding sources and timing.

The Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste advised that detailed proposals relating to the North Devon Link Road would be submitted to the next Cabinet on 12 October 2016.

* **15** **Future Meetings**

Members requested that future meetings of the Committee should, if possible, be held at the Mid Devon District Council Offices at Phoenix House, Tiverton.

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.37 am