

EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

12 July 2018

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors C Channon, I Hall, S Hughes (Chair), R Scott, M Shaw and P Twiss

Apologies:-

Councillors B Bailey, P Stott, D Atkins, R Bloxham, S Randall-Johnson, J Trail and C Wright

* **33** **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Hughes and Hall be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **34** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

* **35** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **36** **Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/51) on the annual local waiting programme for the HATOC area for the funding and delivery of waiting restriction schemes for 2018/19.

Members were advised that a managed process had been developed to deliver an Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme for each HATOC area. The 2017/18 programme delivered almost 400 proposals across Devon including amendments to Yellow Lines and Limited Waiting, which had been requested by communities or by local Highway Officers. The Report proposed a further programme be developed for 2018/19 to include minor aids to movement improvements, such as drop crossings, footway improvements and bollards.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

RESOLVED

(a) that work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2018/2019 be noted; and

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix I and II (HIW/18/51) be agreed and, subject to consultation with local Members on the details, the proposals be advertised.

* **37** **Expansion of the Electric Bike Hire Scheme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/26) on the proposed expansion of the electric bike hire scheme around East Devon.

The Report noted the scheme was introduced in October 2016, as the UK's first on-street city electric bike hire scheme in Exeter. The Co-bikes scheme offered twenty bikes that could be hired and returned to any of the six docks in the city. The existing docks were located at County Hall, the Civic Centre, Exeter St David's and Exeter Central rail stations, and the University of Exeter (Main Campus and St Luke's).

There were now more than 700 members and almost 2,000 trips had been registered (up to the end of February 2018). It was felt that an expanded network would enable membership and utilisation to grow, with more bicycles and locations available to cater for the demand.

In October 2017, the Council was successful in securing funding for the east of Exeter from the National Productivity Investment Fund. A proportion of this funding was identified to increase the existing infrastructure and bikes available. In May 2018, Exeter HATOC approved 10 new sites within the city, with an additional 55 bicycles available to hire.

The proposal planned to expand the available network within East Devon and had identified three locations for additional docking stations: Cranbrook, Science Park and Old Park Farm housing development.

Members discussion points with Officers included:

- the need for increased communication and advertisement of the scheme across the County, to promote its benefits as well as highlighting how the scheme worked and how easily accessible it was to use;
- new bikes currently being installed, which did not require charging so often;
- the use of an online app to pre-book bikes, especially if members were using bikes from a train into work; and
- current locations of docks and the desire to increase these in order to promote the local tourist economy in East Devon.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

RESOLVED

(a) that the sites proposed for electric bike infrastructure be approved, as detailed in the Report (PTE/18/26) and Appendices, at an estimated cost of £99,615;

(b) the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment be given delegated authority to agree the exact location for the installation of the electric bike site in consultation with the Local Member; and,

(c) that the Committee welcomed further roll out of the scheme across locations in East Devon.

* **38** **Lilley Walk, Honiton**

The item on Lilley Walk, Honiton, submitted by Councillor Twiss had been previously addressed with a letter sent to MPs, and was therefore withdrawn.

* **39** **Rosemount Lane, Honiton**

The item on Rosemount Lane, Honiton, submitted by Councillor Twiss, had been previously addressed and added to the 2018/19 Annual Waiting Restriction scheme, and was therefore withdrawn.

* **40** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

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

* 41 **Action Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure and Waste (HIW/18/52) on action taken by her in consultation with the Chair and Local Members.

* 42 **Dates of future meetings**

29 November 2018 and 14 March 2019

The County Council Calendar of meetings available on the website:
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.05 am