

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY CABINET MEMBERS MEETING

3.00PM 17 AUGUST 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Davey (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillors Janio (Opposition Spokesperson) and Morgan (Opposition Spokesperson)

PART ONE

16. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

16(a) Declarations of Interests

16a.1 Councillor Janio declared a personal, but non-prejudicial interest in Item 18, a report of the Strategic Director, Place concerning proposals for a scheme for cycle facilities on Old Shoreham Road, as a family member lived in the vicinity of proposed scheme.

16(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

16b.1 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Cabinet Member considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

16b.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

17. CABINET MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 The Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm thanked the opposition Members for making time to attend the Special Meeting.

18. OLD SHOREHAM ROAD (OSR) - 'LINKS TO SCHOOL' (LTS) CYCLE FACILITIES

- 18.1 The Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm considered a report of the Strategic Director, Place seeking permission to re-consult on proposals for a scheme for cycle facilities on Old Shoreham Road.
- 18.2 Councillor Davey explained that the proposed scheme would provide a high-quality segregated cycle route, which would be complimented by pedestrian improvements previously requested by residents and councillors. He welcomed the offer of Sustrans funding and thanked Abby Hone, Principal Transport Planning Officer, for her work towards securing the funding.
- 18.3 Councillor Janio stated that he supported the linking up of good quality cycles lanes, but that he was not convinced that segregated cycle lanes were the best option; he asked that the city's cycling community be fully consulted. He noted that £185,000 would come from Local Transport Plan 2012-13 funding and stated that he hoped money had not been redirected from other important schemes, such as Marine Parade and cycle links into the South Downs National Park. He also queried the timing and length of the consultation period and asked whether the Sustrans funding had been accepted despite the fact that the consultation had not yet taken place.
- 18.4 The Cabinet Member confirmed that acceptance of the Sustrans funding was dependent on the scheme going ahead and that he would make a small amendment to the recommendations to reflect the fact that the offer of funding had been accepted. In response to questions from Councillor Janio, he explained that the timing of the consultation was due to the need to implement the scheme in the current financial year in order to take advantage of the funding secured from Sustrans. He stated that segregated cycle lanes on key routes were essential for encouraging cycling and ensuring cyclists felt safe on the roads, as well as preventing an increase in cycling casualties within the city. He added that Old Shoreham Road was different from the scheme in The Drive because parked vehicles were not an issue.
- 18.5 The Principal Transport Planner advised that the council made an Expression of Interest to the Department for Transport for a joint bid to improve access to the SDNP alongside other local authorities within or adjoining the SDNP. She explained that the 2009 consultation on a cycle scheme for Old Shoreham Road had been extensive, with 66% of respondents in favour of the a dedicated cycle facility; re-consultation was advised because of the addition of enhanced safety features and the proposal to fully segregate the route.
- 18.6 Councillor Morgan welcomed the proposals and was supportive of the intention to provide better cycle links and improve junctions for pedestrians. He requested that the consultation be widely advertised so that all users have the opportunity to participate, not just those in the immediate vicinity of the proposed scheme.
- 18.7 Councillor Davey advised that he would ask officers to ensure that the consultation process was given adequate publicity.
- 18.8 Councillor Janio advised that he was concerned about the safety of segregated routes. He stated that congestion would be caused by cars waiting to turn into minor roads and

that this could pose a risk to cyclists. He advised of the importance of consulting with the emergency services, who may also be impeded when the road becomes congested.

18.9 The Principal Transport Planner confirmed that there was a statutory duty to consult with the emergency services.

18.10 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the following recommendations were accepted:

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Transport & Public Realm gives approval to undertake a public consultation exercise with key stakeholders and residents in the direct vicinity of the proposed OSR cycle facilities as detailed in this report.
- (2) That Members be informed of the outcome of the consultation and findings be brought back to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability CMM on 4 October 2011 for a decision on whether to proceed with the implementation of the scheme, including the advertising of any necessary traffic regulation orders.
- (3) That the Cabinet Member agrees to defer LTP Delivery Plan (2011/12-2013/14) funds of £125K for 'Dyke Road cycle route' in 2011/12 and to reallocate these funds to OSR cycle facilities subject to the outcome of the consultation exercise.
- (4) That the Cabinet Member formally accepts **the offer of** Sustrans LTS funding of £330K to implement OSR cycle facilities.
- (5) That the Cabinet Member agrees to commit £185K LTP Delivery Plan funding in financial year 2012/13 to implement traffic light controlled junction improvements to both junctions highlighted in this report, in order to further facilitate pedestrian crossing improvements and complete north/south links with existing cycle routes.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

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