

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

Reconvened 23 February: 10:35
 Concluded 23 February: 10:36
 Commenced 8 March: 1036
 Concluded 8 March: 1115

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR
Green (Chair)
Berry
Hinchcliffe
A Hussain
I Khan
V Slater

Also present: Councillor Khadim Hussain (Minute 96)

Councillor Green in the Chair

94. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Hinchcliffe disclosed an interest in the item relating to Keighley Town Centre Traffic Management Issues (Minute 96) in the interest of clarity, as she was a Councillor appointed member of Keighley Bid Board.

ACTION: *Interim City Solicitor*

95. MINUTES

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meetings held on 9 February 2016 be signed as a correct record.

96. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

97. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

There were no recommendations referred to the Executive.



HOUSING, PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO *(Councillor V Slater)*

98. KEIGHLEY TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “BE”**) which set out development and public consultation on proposals for a one-way gyratory in Keighley town centre which was considered by the Keighley Area Committee on 3 December 2015. The report raised concerns about both the long-term benefits of the scheme and general level of public support for the proposal. Based on the findings presented in this report the matter was referred back to Executive with a recommendation that further consideration of the potential options for improvements offering higher benefits and value for money within the town centre be undertaken.

The report described the high-level assessment of potential options with associated funding requirements for delivery of a strategy of improvements which would assist traffic flow around the town centre and complement regeneration opportunities of key development sites.

The Transportation Development Manager gave a detailed outline and assessment of the options set out in the report, stating that in looking at the options there was a recognition that something had to be done urgently, which not only had immediate benefits, but also longevity, hence an immediate, medium and long term strategy was being proposed, the details of which were set out in the report. He added that in the short term 13 small scale alterations would be made, including linking up traffic signals to improve traffic flows and altering yellow box junctions.

A Ward Councillor representing the Keighley Central Ward was present at the meeting and stated that the issue of congestion was a long standing issue in the town centre and that the proposed measures and any benefits would only be short lived, and he cautioned against spending money for the sake of spending. He urged the Executive to look at the bigger picture around connectivity to the M606 and Lancashire.

The Leader acknowledged that connectivity was a factor in the long term; and to this end it was important to work with businesses and look at the transport infrastructure to get a viable solution for the future.

The Transportation Development Manager explained that the proposed medium and long term proposals were predicated on a number of other factors, such as land requirements on the former Keighley College site and discussions with the developer of the Stainsby Grange site as well as securing the necessary funding from the Combined Authority for the for further work, including alterations to the bus stations and widening of North Street and the introduction of a gyratory scheme on Gresley Road.

The Deputy Leader and Housing, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder stated that in looking at the complexity of the traffic situation in Keighley, and in coming up with these options, we had listened to the businesses and to the Ward Councillors in Keighley, and the overwhelming feeling was that something had to be done as a matter of urgency and hence these proposals would offer a solution in a stepped approach, while allowing time to explore and facilitate a longer term solution.

The Ward Councillor for Keighley Central urged Members not to implement any measures on a piecemeal basis, but rather to adopt a more robust set of measures for the benefit of Keighley.



A representative from Transdev was present at the meeting and stated that as a bus operator he was not aware of any alterations to the bus station, and although he welcomed the proposals, suggested that other simple measures could be implemented to alleviate the congestion.

The Leader acknowledged that a number of issues and challenges remained and that there was a need to work with those affected, but stressed the need to progress with the immediate improvements and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the need to carry out congestion improvement works in Keighley town centre urgently be recognised.**
- (2) That subject to full financial appraisal, confirmation of viability and funding from West Yorkshire Combined Authority the delivery of the following measures as the preferred immediate, medium and longer term interventions be approved:**
 - (i) Introduction of the 13 elements of Option 2 of the proposals as described in Appendix B to Document “BE” as the short-term intervention package.**
 - (ii) Introduction of the alterations to the operation of the bus station including the widening of North Street and reallocation of road space between the junctions of Cavendish Street and High Street as the medium-term intervention package.**
 - (iii) The introduction of a one-way gyratory scheme on Gresley Road together with changing the operation of East Parade to one-way operation be adopted as the long-term intervention package.**
- (3) That a Mandate to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority’s Transport Fund to secure funding for delivery of the medium and long term interventions be promoted by Council Officers within the current financial year.**
- (4) That synergies in delivery of aspects of Option 8 to Document “BE” (rail bridge widening) through the West Yorkshire+ Transport Fund’s station improvement works be explored in order to assist in the delivery of the overall package of measures described in 2 above.**
- (5) That the opportunities for contributions to the delivery strategy through third-party funding secured via the planning process for developments within Keighley town centre be prioritised by the Assistant Director, Planning, Transportation and Highways.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration

(Environment & Waste Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

99. PROPERTY PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT AND INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2016/2017

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “BD”**) which set out the progress made by the Property Programme incorporating New Ways of Working to the end of 2015/2016. It also outlined the work plan and investment requirement for 2016/2017 and sought Executive approval to commence with those plans.



The Strategic Director gave an assessment of the developments in the Property Programme to date, as well as the schemes requiring further approval which were detailed in the report.

The Deputy Leader and Housing, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder commended the benefits accrued via the Property Programme to date, which had not only consolidated the Council's estate but also provided significant financial benefits, as well as bringing more staff into the city centre. She also stressed the need to preserve the Council's heritage buildings for future generations.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress of the Property Programme be noted.**
- (2) That the release of £4.0m of funds to allow the following schemes to commence as detailed in section 5 to Document "BD" be approved:**
 - (i) The remaining £2m of the £2.75m scheme to refurbish Britannia House and Argus Chambers to enable the vacation of Jacobs Well.**
 - (ii) Essential Works to the Council's estate - £2m.**
- (3) That in order to build flexibility into the scheme, the Strategic Director Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Director of Finance, be granted authority to make alterations to the programme on the basis that the total spend is below the amount authorised and the work is in line with the objectives of the programme.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration/Director of Finance

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Executive.

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