



CABINET – TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

ORDER PAPER

ITEM **DETAILS**

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. E. F. White CC

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 14)

Proposed motion

That subject to amendment to include Mrs Radford CC in the record of those in attendance, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2017 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2021/22 - PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (Pages 15 - 16) (Supplementary pack pages 3 - 54)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy, including the 2018/19 revenue budget and capital programme, be approved for consultation and referred for consideration to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for consideration;
- (b) That the Director of Finance, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to -
 - (i) agree a response to the draft Local Government Finance Settlement;
 - (ii) decide on the appropriate course of action for the potential Leicester and Leicestershire 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot in 2018/19 and, subject to the acceptance of the submission made to the Government and the subsequent agreement by all member authorities, to implement this;

- (iii) decide on the appropriate course of action for the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rates Pool in 2018/19 and, subject to agreement by all member authorities, to implement this;

(c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 9th February 2018.

5. MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD PROPOSALS (Pages 17 - 98)
(Supplementary pack pages 3 - 12)

A supplementary report has been circulated regarding consideration of the matter by Melton Borough Council, proposed Heads of Terms, and comments of the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the responses to the consultation and evidence from the further work undertaken to develop the Outline Business Case for the northern and eastern sections of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) be noted;
- (b) That the Cabinet reaffirms its decision to prioritise and progress the development of the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR;
- (c) That the route for the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR, as illustrated on the plan at paragraph 75 to this report, be agreed for the purposes of further development and consultation subject to (e) and (f) below;
- (d) That the decision of Melton Borough Council's Policy Finance and Administration Committee agreeing to proceed with the funding arrangements for the MMDR as set out in the Heads of Terms be noted;
- (e) That the basis for the agreement regarding the future funding of the northern and eastern MMDR as set out in the Heads of Terms be supported and that the Director of Finance in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, following consultation with the Cabinet lead member for Resources be authorised to record the agreement by an exchange of letters with Melton Borough Council;
- (f) That subject to an exchange of letters with Melton Borough Council before 22 December 2017 further funding be committed by the County Council in order to -
 - (i) Submit a planning application for the scheme in summer 2018 (including detailed design, environmental work, consultation, and preparation of statutory orders),
 - (ii) Complete all further work necessary to prepare the scheme for construction by spring 2020 (noting this is subject to DfT funding and full completion of all necessary processes),

- (iii) Provide, in negotiation with the DfT, an appropriate local contribution, including underwriting forward-funding contributions to be provided by developers and/or third parties as necessary,
 - noting that there could be additional scheme costs following submission of the outline business case and the Heads of Terms with Melton Borough Council will address how this will be financed;
- (g) That pursuant to the above, that the officers identified below be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Lead Members, to
 - (i) Continue discussions with landowners and stakeholders, with a view to reaching voluntary agreement over the purchase and/or reservation of land for the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR where possible - *Director of Environment and Transport*;
 - (ii) Undertake to acquire by agreement necessary land (and) rights to facilitate delivery of the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR and make preparations in parallel for use of Compulsory Purchase Orders pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, taking all steps to include the preparation of Draft Order and Statement of Reasons - *Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Corporate Resources*;
 - (iii) Undertake further engagement and consultation arising from any changes or improvements to the recommended route that may arise from detailed design work and feedback - *Director of Environment and Transport*;
 - (iv) Agree the preferred route for planning and acquisition purposes - *Director of Environment and Transport*;
- (h) That subject to agreement with Melton Borough Council regarding future financing as set out above, the Chief Executive be authorised to approve and submit the Outline Business Case for the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR to the DfT as part of the bid for Large Local Majors Funding;
- (i) That it be noted that assuming DfT funding for the MMDR is forthcoming, a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet regarding the detailed funding agreement between the County Council and Melton Borough Council;
- (j) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet prior to submission of a planning application to include, amongst other things -
 - (i) Any alterations made to the recommended route as a result of detailed design work or further consultation;
 - (ii) The detailed design and updated cost estimates for the scheme which will form the basis for the planning application;
 - (iii) Requests for approval to make and implement any required Compulsory Purchase Orders and associated statutory orders.

6. MARKET HARBOROUGH TRANSPORT STRATEGY (Pages 99 - 108)
(Appendix pack pages 3 - 316)

Comments of the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee are attached to this Order Paper marked '6a'.

Comments from Dr. S. Hill CC are attached to this Order Paper marked '6b'.

Proposed motion

- (a) That the feedback from the engagement and consultation exercise on the Market Harborough Transport Study be noted;
- (b) That the revised recommendations of the Transport Study outlined in paragraphs 31 to 40 of the report be approved;
- (c) That the Market Harborough Transport Strategy (Appendix D) be approved ;
- (d) That it be noted that as resources become available, the improvement schemes identified in the Market Harborough Transport Strategy will be developed further to ensure that advantage can be taken of any future funding opportunities.

7. PROGRESS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING AGE ADULT ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY 2017-2022 'A PLACE TO LIVE - MY HOME'
(Pages 109 - 116)

Proposed motion

- (a) That progress with the implementation of the Leicestershire Accommodation Strategy for Working Age Adults 2017-2022 be noted;
- (b) That the change of use to the supported accommodation sites at Deveron Way, Hinckley and Loughborough Road, Mountsorrel be approved, to enable their conversion/reconfiguration, as detailed in paragraph 20 of the report, following the receipt of capital funding from NHS England.

8. WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD GREAT COMMUNITIES IN LEICESTERSHIRE: THE LEICESTERSHIRE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2017-21 (Pages 117 - 164)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the outcome of the engagement on the Communities Strategy 2017-21 is noted;
- (b) That the Leicestershire Communities Strategy 2017-21 be approved.

9. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) - REVIEW OF POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 165 - 174)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 for the period from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 be noted;
- (b) That it be agreed that the County Council's existing Policy Statement on the use of RIPA powers (appended to this report) continues to be fit for purpose;
- (c) That the Cabinet continues to receive annual reports from the Corporate Governance Committee on the use of RIPA powers and whether the Policy remains fit for purpose.

10. RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY (Pages 175 - 180)

Proposed motion

That the addition of pooled private debt funds to the list of acceptable investment types within the Annual Investment Statement, with a maximum cash investment of £40m, be approved.

11. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.

No items have been referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

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**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
7 DECEMBER 2017**

MARKET HARBOROUGH TRANSPORT STUDY

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment and Transport concerning the Market Harborough Transport Strategy. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 9” is filed with these minutes.

Arising from discussion, the following points were raised:-

- i) The Market Harborough Transport Study identified the key challenges faced by Market Harborough and the mitigation measures needed to address them. Developer contributions and potential Government funding would be required to fund the improvements;
- ii) Network Rail had been approached regarding the need to increase the clearance (height) of the rail bridges at Rockingham Road and Kettering Road. Network Rail had been unable to fund these works; it was hoped that they Rail would see the benefits of supporting this case in any future works;
- iii) Members were informed that Highways England was responsible for informing residents of the closure of major routes, for example the A14. Where it was an emergency, it was not possible to do efficiently notify residents in advance. The Department was working with Highways England to improve communication and emergency route planning.

RESOLVED: -

That the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the adoption of the Market Harborough Transport Study.

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MARKET HARBOROUGH TRANSPORT STUDY

COMMENTS FROM DR. S. HILL CC

My observations for Cabinet.

I fully support the study and it's aims and objectives.

Making any changes to the traffic system in an old town like this will cause issues, as there are only a limited number of options. The diversion of traffic on Welland Park road for example could be an issue without the sort of mitigation outlined in the report.

However, if we can get a balanced package of measures, we can hopefully future proof the town.

A minor point, the table on page 60 talks about traffic coming out onto Main street. There isn't a Main Street in the town. It should be High Street.

Regards,

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