

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Cabinet Highways Committee

Meeting held 10 January 2013

PRESENT: Councillors Leigh Bramall (Chair), Bryan Lodge, Jack Scott and Isobel Bowler (Substitute Member)

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Harry Harpham and Councillor Jack Scott attended the meeting as the duly appointed substitute.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 December 2012 were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 There were no public questions or petitions.

6. ITEMS CALLED IN FOR SCRUTINY/REFERRED TO CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

6.1 There were no items called-in for Scrutiny or referred to the Cabinet Highways Committee.

7. PETITIONS

(a) New Petitions

There were no new petitions.

(b) Outstanding Petitions List

The Committee received and noted a report of the Executive Director, Place setting out the position on outstanding petitions that were being investigated.

8. SHEFFIELD 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT STRATEGY: OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN THE LOWEDGES AND WOODTHORPE AREAS

9.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report outlining objections to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the Lowedges and Woodthorpe areas.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-

(a) overrules the objections to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Lowedges, and make the Speed Limit Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

(b) overrules the objections to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Woodthorpe, and make the Speed Limit Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1984; and

(c) requests that objectors be informed accordingly.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 Reducing the speed of traffic in residential areas will, in the long term, reduce the number and severity of accidents, reduce the fear of accidents, encourage sustainable modes of travel and contribute towards the creation of a more pleasant, cohesive environment.

9.3.2 The introduction of a 20mph speed limit in these areas forms part of the City's approved 20mph Speed Limit Strategy.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 The objections relate to the principle of introducing sign-only 20mph speed limits into residential areas, and therefore the approved Sheffield 20mph Speed Limit Strategy. As such, no alternative options had not been considered.

9.5 Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

9.6 Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration

None

9.7 Respective Director Responsible for Implementation

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

9.8 Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision

Called In

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9. A VISION FOR SAFER ROADS IN SHEFFIELD

10.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report setting out the Council's vision and aspirations for Safer Roads in Sheffield for the short term and over the long term for the next 15 years.

10.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-

- (a) approves 'A Vision for Safer Roads in Sheffield';
- (b) requests that consultation be undertaken on 'A Vision for Safer Roads' with all relevant stakeholders; and
- (c) requests that 'A Vision for Safer Roads in Sheffield' be incorporated into the revised 'A Vision for Excellent Transport in Sheffield'.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 To ensure that the Council had a clear strategic approach to transport for the next 15 years.

10.3.2 The 'Vision for Safer Roads in Sheffield' will, in the long term, reduce the number and severity of collisions and casualties, reduce the fear of accidents, encourage sustainable modes of travel and contribute towards the creation of a more pleasant, cohesive environment.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 An alternative option would be not to have a 15 year vision for Safer Roads in Sheffield. However, this would mean that there would be no strategic long term, distinct plan for Road Safety in Sheffield, focussed on the City's priorities.

10.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

10.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

10.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

10.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

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