APPENDIX 1

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the South Lakeland Local Committee Highways and Transportation Working Group held on Wednesday, 19 February 2014 at 10.00 am at County Offices, Kendal

PRESENT:

Mr SB Collins (Chair)
Mr J Bland
Mr N Cotton
Mrs BC Gray

Mr WJ Wearing
Mr M Wilson

Also in Attendance:-

Mrs GE Andrews - Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr T Beaty - Highways Network Manager
Mrs V Upton - Traffic Management Engineer

Together with :-

Mr J Airey - County Councillor
Mr R K Bingham - County Councillor
Mr G D Cook - County Councillor
Mrs S Evans - County Councillor
Mr I Stewart - County Councillor
Mr D Sykes - Chief Executive, South Lakeland District Council
Mr P Thornton - District Councillor
Mr R Wilson - County Councillor

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 17 December 2013 were confirmed as circulated.

On minute 5 – Bus Services Update – as part of the budget for 2014-15 the County Council had agreed to the withdrawal of subsidised bus services. The Working Group was advised of meetings taking place involving the Chair and Vice Chair of
the Local Committee to identify those subsidised bus services contracted in the South Lakeland area.

In discussion it was agreed that the withdrawal of subsidised bus services should be looked at alongside the work taking place in relation to post 16 transport.

**AGREED** that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Working Group be advised of the outcome of discussions on subsidised bus services and post 16 transport in the South Lakeland area, and that the outcome subsequently be reported on to all members of the Local Committee.

**17 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE PROVISIONAL DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15**

The Working Group had before it a report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services on the provisional devolved highways capital programme 2014-2015, including prioritised lists of schemes. The indicative allocation for 2014-2015 was £4,643,000, including £326,000 for Year 2 of the Department for Transport’s additional funding package which was announced in 2012.

Appended to the report was the 2014-15 devolved highways capital programme summary; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Surface Treatment Beds; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Carriageway Schemes; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Drainage schemes; NPRN Structural Maintenance - Footway schemes; and Minor Highway Improvement Schemes.

In presenting the report the Highways Network Manager circulated a revised summary of the devolved highways capital programme. He explained that the 2014-15 budget agreed by full Council on 13 February had capitalised £2.5m of Local Committee revenue funding. For South Lakeland Local Committee the effective movement from revenue to capital was £567,000. Some very difficult changes had therefore been made to the revenue budget which would have implications for the work it would be possible to deliver.

The Working Group was advised that the Better Highways budget was approximately 50% of that required to fund the number of teams. The capital budgets had been amended to provide funding to enable the Better Highways teams to continue working within the priority areas identified by Local Committee, namely permanent patching, footways and drainage. Hence the 2014-15 allocations for Minor Carriageway, Minor Footways and Minor Drainage had been increased over the current years allocation. The Highways Network Manager advised that the aforementioned appendices attached to the report on the provisional capital programme for 2014-15 had been written before the £567,000 had been taken account of and would therefore need to be revised before being presented to the Local Committee.

The Working Group considered the report on the provisional devolved highways capital budget for 2014 – 15 alongside the report on the devolved revenue budget. A revised summary for the 2014 – 15 devolved highways revenue budget was
circulated at the meeting, which included details of the current year’s allocations.

The Working Group discussed the effect of the changes to the budget and how the available funding should be utilised. In responding to questions and points of clarification officers advised that £25,000 had been vired from the School Crossing Patrol budget to the capital programme for School Safety Zones, which was over and above the three schemes identified in the Minor Improvement Programme.

During the course of the debate the inclusion of a budget of £108,000 for Members Highways Works was supported. It was also suggested including a budget for general provision of up to £10,000.

RECOMMENDED that,

(a) the reports by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services on the provisional devolved Highways Capital Programme 2014-15 and the devolved Highways Revenue Budget for 2014-15 be received;

(b) no changes be made to appendix 2 to the report on the provisional devolved Capital Programme, namely the NPRN Carriageway Treatment Beds 2014;

(c) taking on board the comments made at the meeting the Chair and Vice Chair of the Working Group meet with officers and agree the revised devolved Highways Capital Programme for 2014-15 (apart from the NPRN Carriageway Treatment Beds) to be circulated to all members of the Local Committee for them to comment upon before finalising and presenting to the Local Committee;

(d) in the meantime preparatory work for footways, drainage and patching schemes be continued.

18 SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

The report by the Corporate Director Environment and Community Services on the devolved Highways Revenue Budget 2014-15 was considered in conjunction with the report on the Local Committee’s provisional devolved Highways Capital Programme 2014 – 15 (minute 17 refers).

19 WINDERMERE TRO

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services updated members on the Windermere Traffic Regulation Order with specific reference to the proposed restrictions for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way in Windermere (minute
108(2) of a meeting of the South Lakeland Local Committee on 15 March 2013 refers).

**RECOMMENDED** that, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which are more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services, The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere) Variation Order 20> (the TRO), be brought into operation as follows:

(i) following consideration of complaints and a further consultation process for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way being carried out, the initial resolution of the South Lakeland Local Committee on 15 March 2013 to approve the bringing into operation of the respective parts of the TRO (save for Rayrigg Road and Glebe Road, which were approved for implementation by the Local Committee on 4 February 2014), be revised and that the County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland) (Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002) (Various Roads, Windermere and Bowness-on-Windermere) Variation Order 20> be brought into operation IN PART, i.e. to exclude the proposals for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way;

(ii) the restrictions for Birthwaite Road and Phoenix Way as part of a new stand alone Traffic Regulation Order be re-advertised.

**20 2013/14 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

A report by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services detailed progress on the 2013/14 programme of work.

In considering the report the Highways Network Manager responded to a number of queries from members in relation to schemes in their area.

**RECOMMENDED** that the programme and progress information included in the report be noted, and that comments be passed to the Area Highways and Transport Manager for action if necessary.

**21 SPEED MONITORING UPDATE**

A briefing note by the Corporate Director – Environment and Community Services updated members on the speed monitoring programme and asked them to identify any sites for future inclusion.
In discussion it was agreed that it would be useful for members to be provided with the information on a divisional basis, which they could then disseminate as appropriate within their area.

**AGREED** that the report be noted, and that the comments made at the meeting be taken on board.

### 22 STREETWORKS REPORT

The Working Group had before it a schedule of streetwork inspections to January 2014.

In discussion concerns were expressed about damage to the infrastructure as a result of schemes carried out by the statutory authorities which was not always evident until some time after the works had been completed. The Highways Network Manager responded to a number of detailed questions about the claims process and size of the fines imposed.

Whilst welcoming the report Members asked to be provided with much more detail in the future. They also stressed the importance of being made aware of any schemes taking place within their particular area.

**AGREED** that the report be received

### 23 ISSUES ARISING FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

At the Local Committee meeting on 4 February it had been agreed to refer the following petitions to the Working Group for consideration:-

1. Petition seeking a traffic light controlled crossing in place of the zebra crossing on Sedbergh Road, Kendal.

Having regard to the concerns of officers if a traffic light controlled crossing was put in place, it was

**AGREED** that a meeting be arranged involving officers, representatives of the local community and the local member to discuss the situation further taking account of professional advice and local knowledge.

2. Petition seeking a Twenty’s Plenty Zone on the Hallgarth Estate, Kendal in place of the present traffic calming system.

**AGREED** that

(a) the petition be noted;

(b) the difficulty of providing for the consequential costs through the Local Committee’s budget be noted.
24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP

Members advised of the following topics for future consideration by the Working Group:-

Details about the work of the traffic enforcement officers, numbers involved and costs.

The development of major highways schemes in the South Lakeland area and the costs involved.

Cycling and the A590/Haverthwaite parish.

Update on the Go Lakes Travel Programme.

Subsidised bus services in South Lakeland.

The Director of People and Places, South Lakeland District Council then advised the Working Group of a proposed major development by GlaxoSmithKline in Ulverston. In commenting on the proposals Members advised of the need to be involved as the project progressed.

AGREED that a meeting be arranged involving District and County Councillors to discuss the way forward on this issue.

The Working Group went onto discuss how the County and District Councils could work more closely to improve services and reduce costs. The Highways Network Manager advised that the County Council had a working relationship with the District Council and that there was a perhaps a need to formalise this and advise members.

The District Council representative also spoke about the Local Plan and the District Council’s decision to bring in a Community Infrastructure Levy.

AGREED that a joint meeting of Local Committee members and District Councillors be arranged on the implications of the Local Plan.

The Highways Network Manager updated the local member on work currently taking place to the railway bridge at Longpool.

AGREED that all members of the Local Committee be advised of the outcome of a meeting with Network Rail on 28 February in relation to the work taking place at Longpool.

25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for Wednesday 2 April 2014 at County Offices Kendal starting at 10.00am.
The meeting ended at 12.50 pm