

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for Eden held on Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 10.30 am via Microsoft Teams.

PRESENT:

Mr P Dew (Chair)

Mrs PA Bell
Mrs HF Carrick
Mr A Connell
Ms C Driver

Miss HJ Fearon
Mr N Hughes
Mr T Wentworth Waites
Mr D Whipp (Vice-Chair)

Also in Attendance:-

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| Mr N Butcher | - | Local Area Network Manager (Eden) |
| Mr K Crawley | - | Traffic Management Team Leader (East) |
| Mr N Wright | - | Area Manager – Eden |
| Mrs L Mckie | - | Senior Manager - Carlisle and Eden MASH |
| Mr B Williams | - | Project Lead – Highways England |
| Mr D Haughian | - | Programme Lead – Capital Programmes |
| Mrs C Patterson | - | Project Lead - Capital Programmes |

PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

55 ROLL CALL AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received on this occasion.

56 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest on this occasion.

57 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business on the Agenda.

58 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions, petitions or statements made at the meeting on this occasion.

59 MINUTES

Corrections –

Minute 49 - That the following amendment be made to the sentence at top of page 9:- “In terms of communication and in relation to the sub groups which would discuss proposals, the member queried the boundary of the group which **ought to border** with South Lakeland and asked that it be reviewed.”

Minute 50 – That the following amendment be made to the sentence at the top of page 11:- “He asked that resources be held back **for** area working groups who had not yet been fully established.”

RESOLVED, that subject to the corrections, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60 A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT

Members received a presentation from the Highways England – Project Lead regarding the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project.

The presentation covered the following areas:-

- Why we need this project
- A66 project scope
- Our objectives
- An update on progress to date
- Improving the A66
- A66 NTP – Preferred route
- Overview
- M6 Junction 40 to Kemplay Bank
- Penrith to Temple Sowerby
- Temple Sowerby to Appleby – Kirkby Thore
- Temple Sowerby to Appleby – Crackenthorpe
- Appleby to Brough
- Bowes bypass
- Cross lane to Rokeby
- Stephen Bank to Carkin Moor
- Major junctions

- Future plans

Members were given assurance that the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project would not be impacted directly by the 40% cut to the transport to the North budget but explained that as a key stakeholder they may not be able to provide the advocacy that they otherwise would have.

The Infrastructure Planning Manager from Cumbria County Council provided an update on the Council's role in implementing the project. Members asked how confident officers were that the acceleration of the A66 project would be in keeping with schedules and forward planning. The Infrastructure Planning Manager understood concerns but explained that there would be a dedicated project manager and dedicated consultancy support which would ensure that resources were in place and schedules met.

The Highways England – Project Lead was asked about 'Option I – Appleby to Brough' and the reasons behind favouring this proposal. It was explained that Natural England had provided the designation of 'area of outstanding natural beauty' to the area meaning the only viable option for updating dualling was through the corridor referred to as 'Option I'. The Project Lead confirmed that Highways England is receiving legal advice regarding this proposal ahead of the statutory consultation.

The Chair asked the Project Lead to comment on consequences for road users during the road works and raised concerns over in particular about the A685 as the main diversion route. The Project Lead explained that 90% of the upgrade would not affect normal road use as the majority of the A66 would be kept open. Members heard that there would be some construction traffic at pinch points but that the majority of the work would take place away from the existing road and so obstructions would be minimal.

61 AREA PLANNING IN EDEN

Members considered a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services which detailed information from across the community teams including community development and services as well as public health. It also provided the Local Committee with an update on the work of each area, identified activity against priorities, highlighted current issues and gave an overview of the budget position.

The Area Manager highlighted the successes of the vaccination roll-out in the area and praised the community care networks for exceeding the national average for vaccines administered. Members thanked the community care networks and the Chair spoke about the need for more localised vaccination sites in order to reduce the distances travelled by residents.

Members heard that Thinking Place Consultancy had been appointed to support the development of Borderlands Place Plans within Cumbria. Work was currently underway to scope the engagement around the process and members would

receive a thorough update and be given the opportunity to become more involved over coming weeks.

Members sought assurance from the Area Manager that work had commenced on a transport report following requests from committee. The Area Manager gave assurance that though further discussion was needed the work was ongoing.

Members asked that following the agreement that Eden Local Committee would meet six times a year that officers ensure that Local Committee still meet in July ahead of the summer recess. It was asked that Democratic Services ensure the July meeting was retained when planning the forthcoming programme of meetings.

A discussion then took place regarding members individual grants in which it was **AGREED** that Community Officers would enter into discussions with members individually regarding any divisional grant funds.

Members asked for an update regarding Local Committee's query to Legal Services on the possibility of Local Committee funding support for local bus routes. The Chair reminded members that it had been agreed at Full Council on 13 February 2014 that Local Authority budgets would not be used to subsidise bus services. However, whether individual Local Committees could exercise the powers to do so would depend upon a decision from Legal Services.

RESOLVED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the budget allocations for 2020-21 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;
- (2) the provisional unallocated resources in the 2020-21 Communities Revenue budget of £64,007 as at 31 December 2020;
- (3) the area planning update (as detailed in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.17 of the report).

62 DRAFT EDEN HIGHWAYS REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22

The Local Committee considered a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the draft Highways Revenue budget allocation to Eden for 2021/22 estimated at £746,009. Members were requested to determine the distribution of resources among the budget heads within the Highway Maintenance Revenue budget.

The Local Area Network Manager gave assurance to members that the Traffic Management Plan for Appleby Horse Fair was well established and annually reviewed to ensure it could be delivered within the budget laid out in the report. He went on to explain to members that the additional funding received from the Challenge Fund and Additional Pothole Fund allowed additional investment in the

highway asset this year, building in resilience on the network and ensuring reactive maintenance would remain well supported.

A detailed discussion took place centred around a Local Committee referral to Cabinet which asked Cabinet to agree that regular additional revenue be allocated to Eden Local Committee to support the costs of the Appleby Horse Fair. While members understood this provision had been agreed, the Local Area Network Manager informed the committee that he had no instructions for any additional revenue for this forthcoming budget. It was **AGREED** that if the additional revenue was not successfully formalised in a timely manner then a second referral be made to Cabinet.

RESOLVED, that the distribution of the Devolved Draft Highways Maintenance Revenue budget for 2021/22 be **PROVISIONALLY** agreed as laid out in the report dependent on forthcoming consideration of the additional revenue to support the costs of the Appleby Horse Fair.

63 PENRITH TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - VARIATION

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of the representations received to the informal consultation on a number of proposed changes to the Penrith Traffic Regulation Order in relation to two locations which were as a result of the Penrith Transport Improvement Scheme.

The Committee was informed that approval was sought from members to proceed to statutory advertisement and consultation and then to bring the Order, which would vary The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 20><, (which was given approval by Local Committee in March 2020), once it was in operation to include the proposed changes (as detailed in the recommendations contained in the report), into operation, should there be no unresolved objections.

The Local Member for Penrith North welcomed in principle the proposal for the A6 junction at Salkeld Road / Inglewood Road as the area had been of concern to driver and pedestrian safety but she sought clarity on whether the proposals would be able to fully address some issues regarding speeding and access. The Programme Lead – Capital Projects commented on the welcome engagement from members of the public and stated that adding curbs to the junction would help reduce issues regarding speeding vehicles from the A6. He added that if this solution did not go far enough then any further issues would be referred to the CRASH Team. The Programme Lead – Capital Projects then explained how as a design team they were also considering addressing issues with capacity at the junction by slightly widening the junction to allow for a left and right turn lane. Members were assured that further engagement would take place with those members of the public who had been consulted on this proposal.

RESOLVED,

- (1) to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of an order which will seek to vary The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Penrith) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 20>< (which was given approval by Local Committee in March 2020), once it is in operation, as detailed below in paragraphs (a)-(c) inclusive (“the Order”);
 - (a) extend the current No Waiting at Any Time restriction on the northwest side of Portland Place from its junction with the A6 Stricklandgate to a point 18m in a north-easterly direction (as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2 to the report);
 - (b) introduce a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles restriction on Inglewood Road, at a point 33m south of its junction with Salkeld Road (as shown on plan attached as Appendix 3 of the report);
 - (c) introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on the west side of Inglewood Road, from its junction with Salkeld Road to a point 30m in a southern direction, then in an easterly direction for a distance of 8m (as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 3 to the report);
- (2) any unresolved representations received to the Order, referred to at paragraph (1) above, will be reported back through the Local Committee process for determination. However, in the absence of any such representations, Local Committee agrees that the Order, to include the proposals and changes detailed at paragraphs (a) to (c) inclusive above, be brought into operation as advertised, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (more specifically referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report).

64 CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING

Members received a presentation from the Senior Manager, Carlisle and Eden and MASH on Contextual Safeguarding which had been developed to inform policy and practice approaches to safeguard adolescents and understand and respond to young people’s experiences of significant harm beyond their families. It was explained it also recognised that the different relationships which young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and on-line can feature violence and abuse and that parents and carers have little influence over those contexts and that young

people's experiences of extra-familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships.

The Committee was informed that the extra-familial harm could include a number of issues such as sexual or criminal exploitation, serious youth violence, teenage relationship abuse, radicalisation and bullying and social isolation.

Members noted that traditionally child protection systems address and respond to risks faced within a family/home but now a response needs to look beyond the parents' capacity to safeguard. Therefore, to address those forms of harm there was a need to look at the context of risk and vulnerability.

The Committee received details of the Peer Challenge key finding which included Leadership and Management, Effective Practice and Impact on Outcomes and Understanding and Reducing Risk of Child Exploitation – Contextual Safeguarding.

In conclusion members were informed that there was a need for the implementation of the Child Exploitation Risk Assessment and Review (CERAR), changes to the MACE as part of the CERAR, develop a new Strategy, Philomena protocol, Miss from Home process review and the delivery of 'It's Not OK' and associated learning and development offer.

Members raised questions surrounding placements which were not regulated by Ofsted. The Senior Manager for Carlisle and Eden explained that in Cumbria children under-16 were never put into unregulated accommodation and those over-16 were only put into unregulated placements when it was clearly part of a step forward plan to support them with semi-independent living. In this context it was seen as a positive step for many care leavers who would still receive a large amount of support. Members were assured that management oversight would always be retained and strict assessments would always be carried out so that the service could be confident of young people's safety. It was added that the number of children in external provision had been drastically reduced and internal capacity had been increased with new facilities opening.

Members raised another area of concern regarding work with partners to ensure young people and care leavers were not criminalised but understood contextually. The Senior Manager replied by stating that a change of culture was very important and that presentations like this one were key practical steps towards raising awareness. She went on to explain the close working relationship between the Service and the Child Centred Policing Team to develop a better culture of understanding of children as potential victims instead of as criminals.

The Chair thanked the Senior Manager for Carlisle and Eden for the informative presentation and reiterated the importance of members raising awareness in the wider community of this important issue.

65 LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP

The minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 1 December 2020 were presented by the Chair of Eden Local Committee.

Members commented with regard to the Borderlands project on the important opportunities presented by this project to improve rural and urban cycling networks in Eden.

RESOLVED, that the minutes be noted.

66 UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no updates provided on this occasion.

67 ACTION LOG

Members received the Action Log.

The Area Manager detailed the actions featured and it was **AGREED** that Actions 2 and 4 be removed and an action relating to the Countryside Access budget be added to the log.

68 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Local Committee would take place virtually on Tuesday 23 March 2020 at 10.30 am.

The meeting ended at 13:30pm