

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Tuesday, 6 April 2021 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell
Mr RW Betton
Mr N Christian
Dr S Haraldsen

Mr S Higgs
Mr J Mallinson (Vice-Chair)
Mrs V Tarbitt
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr P Allan	-	Development Management Officer
Mr K Crawley	-	Traffic Management Team Leader Carlisle
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms A Hutson	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager - Carlisle
Mr K Melville	-	Area Highways and Transport Manager
Mr P Musgrave	-	Area Manager - Carlisle
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)
Ms H Renyard	-	Lead Officer - Flood & Development Management

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence on this occasion.

36 MINUTES

With the inclusion of Mr K Poole in the list of officers in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that the minutes of the Working Group held on 10 February 2021 be confirmed as circulated.

(The local Member for Botcherby did not agree the minutes. He drew attention to minute 30 – Draft Devolved Highways Capital Programme 2021/22 and explained that he had requested that the inclusion of a section of Durranshill Road be included in the 2021/22 Programme.)

37 2020/21 HIGHWAY PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which presented an overview of Flood and Development Management activities in the Carlisle area.

The Working Group received an outline of the current major applications across the Carlisle area since the last report. During the course of discussion a concern was raised regarding the lack of inclusion of facilities such as shops and schools on new developments. Members were informed there was no legislation to allow this to be enforced but officers explained that all major planning applications required a travel plan and transport assessment to be undertaken as part of the application.

The local Member for Longtown raised concerns regarding potential problems which could be incurred due to the creation of a lorry park for up to 40 vehicles in her Division and asked if the route could be diverted onto the A6071 to avoid residential areas. Officers confirmed that the route had been agreed to avoid the residential areas.

The City Council Elected Member for Wetheral and Corby asked for an update regarding flooding in Cumwhinton. Officers confirmed that the Authority, in partnership with United Utilities, had undertaken a CCTV survey of the drainage system and any blockages had been resolved in the main with a small amount of further works to be undertaken in the near future. During the course of discussion officers confirmed it was not anticipated any future flooding would be caused due to the new development.

The local Member for Botcherby drew attention to the lack of inclusion of Warwick Road, Carlisle in Appendix 3 of the report (details of flood events in 2021). Officers explained that flooding in the area took place in February 2020 which pre-dated the information contained in the report. The local Member asked for the matter to remain on the list of flood events as he felt it was still a matter of concern. Whilst officers acknowledged the concerns raised it was explained that it would be impossible for all matters to remain on this and confirmed that this information was constantly monitored and reviewed as issues arose.

A discussion took place regarding notification of flood hotspots and the local Member for Botcherby was informed that if the flood event was minimal direct communication would take place with those immediately affected; if a substantial scheme was required to solve flooding issues a series of communications would take place with the appropriate residents, landowners and elected members.

Members welcomed the information which had been provided and asked that it remain in this format for future meetings.

A discussion took place regarding the Flood and Development Management Planning Application Procedure. The Chair of the Local Committee noted that the case officer would issue a response to the local planning authorities within 21 days of receipt of the consultation of an application but would send a response for major applications 24 hours in advance as notification to the local member and asked that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee also be notified.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the Chair and Vice-Chair of Carlisle Local Committee together the local Member be notified of major planning applications responses 24 hours in advance.

38 ZONE E PARKING REVIEW: STATUTORY CONSULTATION VARIATION 61

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which advised of the representations received in response to the statutory consultation and advertisement of the Zone E parking review.

The Chair of the Working Group raised his concerns regarding a number of the proposed one hour waiting restrictions. The Traffic Management Team Leader confirmed that discussions had taken place with the local Member who had agreed with the proposals.

The local Member for Morton asked for an update regarding Caldew Lea School staff parking their vehicles on Leatham Street and was informed this would be investigated.

RECOMMENDED, that the representations which have been received to the statutory consultation and advertisement of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 61) 20>< (“the Order”), be considered and:-

- (1) Local Committee agree to the introduction of the Order, as advertised, except for the following:-

(a) **Brookside Place**

Proposals to introduce disc parking restrictions on Brookside Place

(Brookside Place will not therefore be part of the Zone E parking zone);

(b) **Kendal Street**

Proposals to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on the south west side of Kendal Street;

(This area would remain subject to the 2 hour disc parking waiting restrictions);

(c) **Introduction of 1 Hour Waiting Restrictions**

Proposals to introduce 1 hour disc parking waiting restrictions on Duke Street, Hawick Street, Kendal Street, Morton Street, Newcastle Street, Potters Place, Rigg Street, Silloth Street, Wigton Road (part of 1 to 11) and York Street;

(These would remain subject to the 2 hour disc parking waiting restrictions).

39 DRAFT CARLISLE HIGHWAYS REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022

Members received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which set out the Draft 2021/2022 Highway Maintenance Revenue budget for Carlisle Local Committee. The Working Group noted that the draft 2021/2022 Highways Revenue budget allocation was £1,438,010 which was a percentage increase of 5.2% on the previous years' 2019/20 and 2020/21 allocation.

The Working Group requested that weed spraying be included as a separate budget heading.

RECOMMENDED, that Local Committee agree and keep under review the draft 2021/2022 Devolved Highways Revenue Maintenance budget allocations for 2021/2022 (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report).

40 DRAFT DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL BUDGET 2021/2022

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which sought a recommendation from the Highways and Transport Working Group that the Local Committee agree the draft Devolved Highways Capital budget allocations for 2021/2022.

The Working Group was informed that the Highways Capital base allocation devolved to the Committee for 2021/2022 was £2,465,000 which was a reduction of more than 25% of the anticipated NPRN budget previously reported. Members also noted that the DfT fund for 2021/2022 was £1,809,000 and received the NPRN list of proposed schemes to be delivered as previously planned prior to the reduced Capital budget allocation which was due to being part funded by the DfT fund.

The local Member for Botcherby raised his concerns regarding the prioritisation of outstanding resurfacing works on a length of Victoria Road/Warwick Road, Carlisle and asked that this be placed on the Programme in accordance with the correspondence which had been circulated. The Local Area Highways Network Manager offered to give an explanation regarding this matter directly with the Member concerned outside the meeting.

The local Member for Botcherby drew attention to the Durranhill Road, Botcherby Avenue to Eastern Way Roundabout scheme and raised his concerns that this was not completed but the report indicated this had been concluded. It was agreed the Local Area Highways Network Manager would investigate this matter further and respond direct.

It was agreed that all previous and future correspondence regarding the above two matters would be made available to the Chair and Vice-Chair of Carlisle Local Committee.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the proposed budget allocations and that the Local Committee agree and keep under review the Highways Draft Capital budget allocations for 2021/2022 (detailed in Appendix 1 to the report);
- (2) the proposed schemes and the proposed schemes being delivered under the proposed budget allocations (attached as Appendix 2 to the report).

41 2020/21 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which detailed the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information.

The Working Group was informed that the allocated Highways Revenue budget for 2020/21 was £1,366,694; the available budget had been increased by £60,097, therefore was £1,426,791.

Officers explained that the allocated Devolved Highways Capital budget for 2020/21 was £3,291,719; the available budget had been increased due to the slippage of £53,975 in 2019/20, therefore, was £3,345,694.

Members noted that the Non-Devolved Highways Capital budget for 2020/21 was £1,441,472, the Highways Devolved (Additional) Capital budget for 2020/21 was £1,704,658 and the Highways Non-Devolved Highways (Additional) Capital budget was £1,593,306.

RECOMMENDED, that the following be noted:-

- (1) the Revenue and Capital budget allocations for 2020/21 and the commitments and expenditure (as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report);
- (2) the programme progress information (shown in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the report);
- (3) the Highways Revenue budget has been split for use against various budget headings (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report);
- (4) the devolved Capital and Additional Devolved Capital budgets have been split for use against various budget headings. (referred to in Appendices 2 and 4 of the report);
- (5) the schemes that cannot be delivered in 2020/21 are transferred into 2021/22 (as detailed in Appendices 1-5 of the report).

42 CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL - NOTICE OF VARIATION OF CAR PARK CHARGES

The Working Group received a report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which provided details regarding Carlisle City Council’s notice of intention to amend the fees and charges within the existing “The City of Carlisle (Off Street Parking Places Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation Pay by Telephone) Order 2012 as amended”.

Members noted that the Notice detailed charges to the fees and charges across a number of off-street car parking places with effect 8 April 2021.

RECOMMENDED, that it be noted that Carlisle City Council are proposing to make changes to the fees and charges within “The City of Carlisle (Off Street Parking Places Consolidation and Minor Amendment Variation Pay by Telephone) Order 2012 as amended” (as set out in the Notice attached as Appendix 1 to the report).

43 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 10.00 am at a venue to be agreed.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am