

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting of the Carlisle Highways and Transport Working Group held on Wednesday, 15 December 2021 at 10.00 am at Conference Room A/B, Cumbria House, Carlisle. CA1 1RD

PRESENT:

Mr R Watson (Chair)

Mr J Bell
Mr RW Betton
Mr S Higgs

Mr J Mallinson (Vice-Chair)
Mr C Weber

Also in Attendance:-

Mr P Allan	-	Development Management Officer
Ms A Dodds	-	Traffic Management Team Leader
Mrs L Harker	-	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ms A Hutson	-	Local Area Highways Network Manager - Carlisle
Mr K Poole	-	City Engineer (Carlisle City Council)

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr N Christian and Mrs V Tarbitt.

22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 7 October 2021 were confirmed as circulated.

23 2021/22 FLOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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 Carlisle City Council Member for the Wetheral and Corby Ward referred to the application for the land to the West of Steeles Bank, Wetheral, Carlisle and the Officer confirmed that no compound was required and that a new surface water culvert would be created.

The local Member for Botcherby drew attention to the proposal at the former J and W Watt Ltd Goods Yard on London Road, Carlisle and raised his concerns regarding the current quality and quantity of water at the location, highlighting the potential for this to deteriorate. The Development Management Officer confirmed that the Authority were aware of issues at the location and explained that no formal response had been submitted until further investigations had taken place.

During the course of discussion the local Member informed the Working Group that he had raised the concerns regarding water quality with the Environment Agency but had received no response. It was agreed that the concerns would be taken into consideration when submitting a formal response.

The Carlisle City Council Member for the Wetheral and Corby Ward referred to the application for a residential development on land South of the A69, Scotby, Carlisle, CA4 8BJ and raised concerns regarding potential sewer capacity. The Development Management Officer explained that the Developer had a right to connect to the system and confirmed that he was not aware of any issues.

RECOMMENDED, that the report be noted.

24 MINOR AMENDMENTS VO 62 - CRAW HALL, BRAMPTON

Members considered a report by the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure which sought agreement to the recommendation relating to the proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Craw Hall, Brampton.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) Carlisle Local Committee agree that, having taken into consideration the objections which were received, and the matters referred to in paragraph 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (referred to in paragraph 7.2 of the report) the “No Waiting At AnyTime” proposals for Craw Hall, Brampton are introduced from a point 16m north west of its junction with Millfield extending for a distance of 33 metres in a north westerly direction, (as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 5 to the report) as part of The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Carlisle Urban and Rural Area) (Consolidation and Minor Amendment of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2001) Variation Order (No. 62) 20><, (“the Order”);
- (2) Local Committee notes that additional training will be provided to all officers who write committee reports and prepare Traffic Regulation Orders, particularly in relation to anonymising responses which are received during the statutory consultation period.

25 2021/22 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Working Group 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.

Members were informed that the 2021/22 Highways Revenue Budget was forecasting on budget, the 2021/22 Highways Devolved Capital budget was forecasting an underspend of -£20,991 and the 2021/22 Highways Non-Devolved Capital Budget was forecasting on budget.

The local Member for Botcherby asked for a breakdown of costs associated with trees and it was agreed this would be provided.

RECOMMENDED, that

- (1) the following be noted:-
 - (a) the programme progress information (as detailed in Appendices 4 and 5 of the report);
 - (b) the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings (shown in Appendix 1 of the report);
 - (c) the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings (shown in Appendix 2 of the report);
 - (d) there are no comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of local members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted here in subsequent and future reports to the Highways and Transport Working Group;
- (2) Local Committee agree the changes to Appendix 5 of the report.

26 DRAFT DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

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 2022/2023.

The Working Group was informed that an additional contribution of £200,000 from utility damage to the network had enabled a list of proposed locations to be drafted (as shown in Appendix 3 of the report). Members confirmed that officers should identify and undertake the necessary works.

The local Member for Botcherby raised his concerns regarding the lack of reference to Warwick Road. The Local Area Highways Network Manager confirmed that this funding would be provided from the Infrastructure Recovery Programme and not the Local Committee.

RECOMMENDED, that Local Committee

- (1) agree and keep under review the Highways Draft Capital budget allocations for 2022/2023 (as detailed in the Appendices attached to the report) subject to confirmation of the budget allocation by the County Council in February 2022;
- (2) note the proposed schemes (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) subject to confirmation of the budget allocation by Cabinet in February 2022.

27 REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was noted.

28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Working Group would take place on Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 10.00 am in Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Members asked that their thanks and appreciation be conveyed to all officers for the support they had provided during difficult circumstances over the past year.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am