

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held on Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 2.00 pm in Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Lynne Stagg

Councillor Graham Heaney

15. Apologies (AI 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Scott Payter-Harris. Councillor Simon Boshier attended in his place.

16. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

The chair considered Agenda item 5 (Active Travel Improvements - TRO 206/2022) before Agenda item 4 (Tertiary Roads Inspection and Repair) but for ease of reference the minutes will remain in the order as per the published agenda.

17. Local Transport Plan 4 - Implementation Plan 2022 to 2025 - Year 2 annual review (AI 3)

Jo Eldridge, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer presented her report and advised the purpose of the report was to seek approval for the updated Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) Implementation Plan 2022/23 - 2024/25 following the approval of the 2023/24 budget at the 28 February 2023 Full Council meeting.

The report noted the funding allocations by Full Council on 28 February 2023 as part of the Council's 2023/24 Capital Programme which contributes to the delivery of the adopted Portsmouth Transport Strategy. The report also detailed the proposed programme of LTP4 implementation plan funded transport schemes to be delivered.

Deputation

Ian Saunders of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum made a deputation. Deputations are not minuted but can be viewed here:

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Members' questions

Councillor Heaney asked the Chair if she had been consulted, as Cabinet Member, about the decision to reduce the funding for the LTP4 and Cycle Improvements. The Chair confirmed that she had been and that it was discussed with the S151 Officer as every department had had to take cuts in relation to the Budget.

In relation to Member's questions, officers clarified:

- The split of the individual items in the Capital Programme had been factored down by the amount taken out of the budget.

Members' comments

Councillor Boshier noted that the report refers to 'All Wards' which should include those wards off Portsea Island as well.

There was discussion around the number 23 bus service, with Councillor Boshier asking whether officers had engaged with Stagecoach, in relation to this particular service, to ask if it would be possible for the service to do a loop of QA instead of dropping passengers at Cosham.

The Chair advised that she had previously discussed this with Stagecoach a number of years previously and was told it would entail an additional bus, with additional cost and due to the number of passengers using the service, this was not commercially viable.

Officers advised they are in conversation with the bus operators all the time and reiterated the comment from the Chair, that the extra cost would have to be passed on to passengers. They noted that, through the SEHRT funding, one of the proposals was for a fast service from Leigh Park to Portsmouth and Southsea which may make it more feasible for the 23 to be revised. As part of BSIP, officers work with operators to identify where there are gaps in the service.

Councillor Heaney welcomed the proposal but was disappointed in the last-minute cuts in the budget.

The Chair approved the recommendations and noted the comments from Members' and asked officers to consider these and report back as and when progress is made.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Approved and adopted the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) funded schemes 2023/24 as part of Portsmouth's LTP4 Implementation Plan 2022/23 - 2024/25;**
- 2. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and the Section 151 Officer to update the Local Transport Plan 4 Implementation Plan with the proposed Local Transport Plan funded scheme (Appendix A).**
- 3. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and the Section 151 Officer to agree any minor amendments to the**

Implementation Plan that may be required to take account of future funding changes and relevant national policy guidance, including reprofiling of indicative scheme delivery timescales;

- 4. Noted that the funded Transport Infrastructure Programme, Transport Hub and other revenue and externally funded highways and transport work programmes contribute to the delivery of the LTP4 and the implementation plan 2022/23 - 2024/25 will be updated to include these.**

18. Tertiary Roads Inspection and Repair (AI 4)

Richard Stocks, PFI Deputy Contract Manager, presented the report and advised the purpose of the report was to inform members of the frequency of inspections and the process around decision making relating to the resurfacing of roads.

Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- It was not known if roads in PO7 or those over the hill were included in the PFI contract but Officers stated they would find out this information and advise Members accordingly.

Members' comments

Councillor Heaney was pleased that all councillors were to receive information on this service, noting it is easier to deal with queries from their ward constituents if they have this information to hand.

Councillor Boshier hoped that it was all ward councillors and not just the ward specific councillors receiving information. The Chair confirmed it would be both. The general information will go to all Councillors and the ward specific items will go to the Ward Councillor.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Approved that the plans and timings of inspections of the tertiary road network are shared with all Ward Councillors;**
- 2. Approved that the report on the condition of the roads that follows these inspections is shared with all Ward Councillors;**
- 3. Noted that the decision by the Cabinet Member is brought to the public Traffic and Transportation decision meeting for information.**

19. Active Travel Improvements - TRO 206/2022 Isambard Brunel Road (AI 5)

Chi Sharpe, Active Travel Officer presented his report and advised that the purpose of the report was to gain approval from the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation for the construction of the Active Travel Improvements advertised under Traffic Regulation Order 206/2022 in

Isambard Brunel Road following a formal objection from the Portsmouth Cycle Forum.

Deputation

Ian Saunders of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum made a deputation. Deputations are not minuted but can be viewed here:

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In response to the deputation, Chi Sharpe clarified that the amount stated in the report covers the whole of the project not just the TRO, and will cover the cost of the dropped kerbs and the additional works.

Members' questions

In response to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- A commitment had been given to look at the proposals the Cycle Forum put forward and a feasibility study would be undertaken accordingly. The report was seeking approval to carry out this particular stage of the Active Travel improvements and then the next stage would be considered. The improvement was incremental and there was money available still within the budget.

Members' Comments

Councillor Boshier was supportive of what was planned as it would improve active travel and safety for cyclists at that roundabout.

Councillor Heaney thanked officers for arranging a site visit which helped to provide him with a better understanding of the proposal. He agreed that the better access point is at the end of Hope Street.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Approved the implementation of TRO 206/2022 for the introduction of the bus, taxi and cycle lanes and the revocation of the order, following formal consultation.**
- 20. TRO 24/2023 - Walmer Road, Renny Road and Proctor Lane - one way except cycles (AI 6)**

Liam Norman, Project Manager presented his report and advised that the purpose of the report was to consider the recommendation in line with the consultation results to implement the proposed one-way streets on Walmer Road, Renny Road and Proctor Lane.

Councillor Ashmore made a deputation. Deputations are not minuted but can be viewed here:

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Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified that the contraflow will be marked both on the road and via signage.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Approved the implementation of TRO 24/2023, to implement a series of one-way streets including contra-flow cycling, following resident engagement and formal consultation.**

21. St Jude's School Streets permanent infrastructure (AI 7)

Michelle Love, Safer Travel Manager, presented the report and advised that the purpose of the report was to make recommendations for St Jude's CE Primary School Streets infrastructure following a series of engagement meetings with parents, residents and the school and to seek approval for the installation of infrastructure measures around the school under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).

Members' questions

In response to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- The trial was manned by volunteers from the school and local community with some assistance from the Council.
- St Jude's School is within a cul-de-sac area with Peacock Lane, St Nicholas Street and Poynings Place and the residents in this area were primarily consulted but there was a wider consultation area as well. The consultation was also online.
- The resident's feedback from the forum at St Jude's was available to share with Members once it had gone to the school, parents and residents that took part.
- To encourage parents and children there are incentive schemes available along with the Stomper App and Park and Stride Maps which mark out where it is possible to park should parents have to drive in, such as the pay and display bays on Pembroke Road. Normally around 65% of pupils live within half a mile to a mile of a school so it is about giving them the incentive to walk to school, if possible.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Approved creating a School Street via the installation of resident only access signs with times of operation displayed on St Nicholas Street, Pembroke Close and Penny Street at the point of entry from Pembroke Road.**
- 2. Approved that this installation will be for a minimum 18 months under Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). If the outcome**

of the initial 6-month consultation is that respondents are in favour of a permanent school street then the addition of removeable bollards will be investigated.

22. Review of Summer 2022 additional bus services and recommendations for Summer 2023 additional bus services (AI 8)

Simon Bell, Principal Public Transport Officer, presented his report and advised that the purpose of the report was to review the bus services supported by Portsmouth City Council in summer 2022/23 and to make recommendations for any summer bus services in 2023/24.

Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- It was not the case that PCC always do an annual process for contracting summer bus services. Last year was the first year that an open top bus service was contracted by PCC. The service is a commercial one for this year. This was the proposed third year for the Park and Ride service to Southsea.

The Chair stated she was in favour of the proposals. She noted the need to commence communications earlier than previous years to ensure greater take up of the services.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Transport to undertake the procurement process and the award of a contract for a park and ride service (known as Southsea PR3), to operate in the July/August summer holidays, and on weekends in May, June and September, to be funded from the parking reserve, subject to value for money after consultation with the Section 151 Officer;**
- 2. Noted the registration of the commercial open top seafront service 50 between The Hard and South Parade Pier between 28 May and 30 September 2023;**
- 3. Noted no additional journeys on the Service 25 are to be operated in summer 2023.**

23. Portsmouth Car Club (AI 9)

Kirsty Routledge, Principal Transport Planner, presented her report and advised that the purpose of the report was to provide a progress update on the procurement of a car club for Portsmouth. It was also to detail the proposed car club bay locations to be taken forward in the first phase of the Portsmouth car scheme and seek permission to proceed with the required Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- It was proposed that there would be ten cars altogether in the initial phase of the scheme, 2 in each of the four wards and 2 at Lakeside.
- There are 12 locations suggested in the report, but it was proposed that only 8 will be taken forward in residential locations with the additional 2 at Lakeside.
- Each parking bay will be specifically for a car club vehicle.
- There will be first year membership of £20 for Portsmouth residents, rising to £60 thereafter. The hire rate for the vehicle will start at £6.70 per hour.
- A key target market is those people with more than one vehicle who may consider getting rid of one of those to make use of the scheme in order to save money (on insurance, road tax, depreciation etc).

Members' comments

Councillor Boshier was broadly supportive of the scheme. He noted the assumptions that the scheme would reduce some of the pressure on residential parking zones and recommended ongoing metrics are produced to be able to ascertain whether these assumptions are correct. He requested an interim report to keep Members update on the progress of the scheme.

Decision

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Noted the progress made towards introducing a car club in Portsmouth;**
- 2. Approved the use of designated car club parking bays in on-street and off-street locations for the duration of the car club scheme;**
- 3. Approved the on-street locations detailed in the report for designated car club parking bays to proceed to Traffic Regulation Order consultation;**
- 4. Noted a report will be brought back to the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation in June 2023 with the results of the TRO consultation and recommendations of the final designated bays to be implemented.**

24. London Road Taxi Rank Trial - 6 month review (AI 10)

Jo Eldridge, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer presented her information only report and advised the purpose of the reports was to provide an update on the trial of the London Road Taxi Rank in North End following six months of operation.

Members' questions/comments

There were no questions or comments.

Decision

The Cabinet Member noted the report which was for information only.

25. Portsmouth Bus Service Improvement Plan: Passenger Charter (AI 11)

Paul Walker, National Bus Strategy Delivery Manager, presented his information only report and advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update on the adoption of the Portsmouth Bus Passenger Charter as part of the Enhanced Bus Partnership.

Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- Feedback from the bus companies would be shared with Members.
- There is an annual reporting mechanism through the Passenger Charter and also through the announced partnership for the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Both bus operators have agreed to work together on driver recruitment, also with the Solent Apprenticeship and Skills Hub to promote apprenticeships and bus driver recruitment and other skills.
- Officers noted the recent announcement that First Bus will be creating an electric bus hub on the site of the old Portsmouth News centre.

Decision

The Cabinet Member noted the report which was for information only.

26. Portsmouth Public Transport Strategy (AI 12)

Hayley Chivers, Transport Planning Manager, presented the information only report and advised the purpose of the report was to provide an overview of the forthcoming Portsmouth Public Transport Strategy, including key milestones and an indicative timeline to adoption.

Members' questions

In relation to Members' questions, officers clarified:

- The ultra-zero emissions strategy will be looking at electric vehicles and alternative fuels.
- The development of the Breeze App and mobility service is being led by Solent Transport and future transport zone team including PCC officers. This will come into the strategy at some point along with elements around ticketing and the journey planning elements.

Decision

The Cabinet Member noted the report which was for information only.

27. Private Hire Vehicles in bus lanes trial - review update (AI 13)

Liam Norman, Project Manager, presented his information only report and advised the purpose of the report was to provide an update on the current trial permitting private hire vehicles (PHVs) to utilise five bus lanes as approved at the meeting of the Traffic and Transportation Cabinet Member on 5 July 2022,

and its subsequent implementation on 14 November 2022. It also detailed the current status of the trial and the data collected.

The Chair noted how thorough the trial had been with plenty of base line evidence to start with. She thanked all the officers for the work that had been put into the trial.

Decision

The Cabinet Member noted the report which was for information only.

As the meeting was her last as Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Stagg thanked all the Traffic and Transportation officers for their hard work during her time as Cabinet Member and their work during really difficult circumstances on many occasions. She also thanked Tristan Samuels for the backing and support he had provided the team and wished him good luck as he would be leaving the service the following month.

The meeting concluded at 3.35 pm.

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Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation