

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018

MINUTE FOR CONFIRMATION

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018

91. Membership of England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum (Minute for confirmation)

Councillor David Renard, the Leader of the Council, and the Chief Executive, submitted joint report asking Cabinet to recommend to Council that the Leader of the Council be authorised to accept a formal invitation to join the England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum. It was noted that although Council has already given permission to the Leader to attend meetings (Council Minute 88 refers), authorisation is required from Council to join an outside body and that Cabinet approval would be necessary to permit payment of the relevant subscription.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report, summarising the consultations that he had previously undertaken with the England's Economic Heartland strategic alliance of local authorities and placing the proposal that the Council be formally represented on the England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum in the context of the economic development opportunity for the Council. The Leader was of a view that the Council being directly involved in the work of the National Infrastructure Commission work and the work of Highways England and others was crucial to ensuring that Swindon was very much a part of what he saw as the development a crucial west-east transport and connectivity strategy.

The Leader took the opportunity of presenting the report to thank John Seddon, who would be shortly leaving the employ of the Council, for his work and support of the Leader in attending Forum meetings and developing relations to the point of this formal invitation to join the Forum.

Following his introduction of the report, the Leader, with Councillor Toby Elliott, responded to questions put by Councillor Wayne Crabbe about the Oxford-Cambridgeshire highway link route selection and the opportunity for bodies

representing the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in the Borough to be involved in future planning strategy discussions.

Resolved – (1) That Council be recommended that the Leader of the Council be authorised to accept an invitation to join formally the England's Economic Heartland Strategic Transport Forum.

(2) That, subject to Council's approval of (1) above, the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commercialisation, be authorised to identify budget for the subscription fee, which is expected to be £30,000 per annum. This will be invoiced in due course for the 2018/19 financial year period.

Councillor Toby Elliott made a personal non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this item in view of a reference in the report to his employer, Network Rail.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 MARCH 2018

35. Introduction of a Dog Walking Registration Scheme

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report seeking approval for the adoption of a Code of Conduct for Commercial Dog Walkers in Swindon following a consultation exercise approved the Committee (Minute 14 refers).

Resolved - (1) That, further to (2) and the amendments set out in (3) below, the Code of Conduct for Commercial Dog Walkers be endorsed and commended to Council for adoption.

(2) That the fee for registration under the Council's Code of Conduct for Commercial Dog Walkers in Swindon be set at £50 for three years and that this fee be reviewed on an annual basis.

(3) That the Code of Conduct for Commercial Dog Walkers in Swindon be amended as follows:

(i) That paragraph 5 be amended to read "Only exercise the number of dogs that are covered by their insurance policy or up to a maximum of four dogs at any one time and that only a maximum of two dogs be permitted off their leads at any one time"; and

(ii) That paragraph 3 be amended to read: "Take extra care when arriving and leaving parks and green spaces to minimise issues for other users. All dogs should be walked away from and returned to an adequately ventilated vehicle on a lead".

(4) That the Council's Licensing Manager be requested to investigate how compliance with the Code of Conduct may be monitored effectively and report back to this Committee how this might be best achieved together with any financial implications arising therefrom.

(Councillors Emma Faramarzi and Carol Shelley requested that their abstention from the vote in respect of (2) be recorded.)