

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 13TH JULY 2017

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2017

122. Swindon Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2017/18 (Minute For Confirmation)

Councillor Keith Williams, the Cabinet Member for StreetSmart, Highways, and Transport, and the Head of Highways & Transport, submitted a joint report seeking approval for the adoption of the Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan for 2017/18 and for the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme budget apportionment for 2017/18.

It was noted that the Local Transport Plan (LTP) is the principal means of delivering the Council's transport programme and is the statutory document that contains the transport policies and programmes of the local transport authority. It is listed in Article 4 of the Council Constitution as a key document informing the policy framework for the Council and it is subject to an annual report to the Cabinet in order to ensure transparency in the apportionment of the funding and aid the delivery of the programme.

Councillor Steve Allsopp (Walcot and Park North Ward) welcomed the proposed maintenance works on Upham Road and asked that the works be publicised well in advance of commencement, to try and minimise disruption while the work was being undertaken. Councillor Williams confirmed that this would be the case, advising that every measure was taken in advance of any planned road works to both advise local communities of pending road works and to try and limit disruption.

Councillor Brian Ford (Cabinet Member for Adults' Health and Social Care) advised the meeting of the continuing concerns of Wroughton and Wichelstowe residents about the proposed tunnel at Junction 16.

Resolved – (1) That Council be recommended to approve:

- a) The Local Transport Plan (LTP) Implementation Plan for 2017/18.**
- b) The Local Transport Plan Capital Programme budget categories and total spend for 2017/18, as detailed in Tables 1 to 8 of the Implementation Plan attached as Appendix 3 to the report.**
- c) The allocation of the 2017/18 Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund as set out in paragraph 3.8.**

(2) That, subject to approval of the Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan by Council, the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for StreetSmart, Highways, and Transport, be authorised to:

- a) Prioritise schemes in accordance with Vision for Swindon priorities.

- b) Approve scheme progression in accordance with the updated Protocol (attached as Appendix 2 and originally approved by the Cabinet in July 2010 Cabinet Minute 23, 2010/11 refers).
- c) Amend the Protocol to reflect changing job titles, organisational restructuring, and improved input from and visibility to Councillors.
- d) Vary allocations between different budget categories
- e) Approve variations in scheme costs.
- f) Add/substitute schemes, provided expenditure is contained within the approved total budget.
- g) Develop and submit a bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund and to any other relevant funding opportunity that might be launched by Government, or other funding agencies, for transport schemes that will benefit Swindon and which are in accordance with Vision for Swindon priorities.

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

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017

12. Councillors' Allowances 2018/19 - Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Councillor David Renard, the Leader of the Council, and the Director of Law and Democratic Services, submitted a joint report inviting Cabinet to consider recommendations arising from a meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the level of Councillors' Allowances in Swindon for 2018/2019.

Resolved – (1) That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances for 2018/2019, as set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report, be endorsed and referred to the Council for approval.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to introduce a revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2018/2019 based on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as approved and adopted by the Council.

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

MINUTES TO NOTE

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WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2017

123. Draft Airports National Policy Statement

Councillor Garry Perkins, the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, and the Corporate Director, Economy, Regeneration and Skills, submitted a joint report responding to Council's decision at its meeting on 10th November 2016, that the Cabinet Member report to Cabinet, when practicable, on how Swindon can take advantage of Heathrow's expansion (Council Minute 62 2016/17 refers). The report set out the Council's proposed response to the Government's consultation on the draft Airports National Policy Statement.

It was noted that the Government's proposed policy in relation to the provision of airport capacity was important to Swindon, which had benefitted from good access to Heathrow Airport, as this was a factor in persuading international businesses to establish and maintain a presence within the Borough. It was the Cabinet Member's and Corporate Director's view that it was important to the Borough's economy that Heathrow Airport continues to operate as the United Kingdom's premier international gateway and that, accordingly, it was important for the Borough Council to make its views known by responding to the consultation.

Councillor Perkins and Councillor Martin emphasised the importance of a direct rail link to Heathrow from the west, which would aid Swindon's economy and businesses by reducing the journey time to less than an hour.

Resolved – (1) That the Corporate Director, Economy, Regeneration and Skills, be authorised to respond to the Government consultation on the draft Airports National Policy Statement by:

- a) Welcoming the Government's decision to expand runway capacity in the south-east through the construction of a third runway at Heathrow Airport, given the importance of Heathrow as the main international gateway for Swindon's business community and residents.
- b) Endorsing the Government's assessment that such expansion at Heathrow Airport will provide the greatest economic benefit for the UK, including to Swindon, through enhancing the potential for increased inward investment in the town by multi-national businesses taking advantage of Swindon's easier access to international markets.
- c) Recognising that expansion at Heathrow Airport will complement the Council's Economic Strategy objectives to maintain Swindon's competitiveness as a location in which new and existing businesses will be able to thrive, notably through the reduced journey times taken to access the Airport from Swindon with the Western Rail Link to Heathrow in place.
- d) Supporting the objectives within the draft NPS to promote improved public transport access to Heathrow Airport, and to specifically urge Government to ensure that the Western Rail Link to Heathrow, with the attendant benefits

that it will bring to communities along the Great Western Corridor, be prioritised for delivery in 2024 in accordance with the current construction programme for the scheme.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration, and Skills, report this decision to Council.

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

126. Swindon Libraries - Children's Library Membership

Councillor Mary Martin, the Cabinet Member for Communities, and the Head of Localities, Community Involvement and Volunteering, submitted joint report seeking Cabinet's approval of a scheme by which the Register Office staff would make parents more aware of the library service when they come to register their child.

The report addressed the financial and other implications of a motion to Council at its meeting on 26th January 2017, seeking the establishment a library card scheme where children would automatically become library members when their parents register their birth. It was noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 9(1), the motion had been referred, without discussion, to Cabinet.

Councillor Jim Robbins the seconder of the original motion at Council, spoke on behalf of Councillor Fay Howard, who had moved the motion at Council but was not in attendance, to thank the Cabinet Member for the report.

Resolved – (1) That the adoption of a scheme to encourage children's membership of the Library Service, as detailed in the report, be approved.

(2) That Councillor Mary Martin, the Cabinet Member for Communities, report this decision to Council.

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

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9. Swindon Dial A Ride Service Options

Councillor Mary Martin, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Place, and the Head of Highways & Transport, submitted a joint report responding to the following motion, agreed at the Council meeting on 22nd September 2016, following changes to the contract with Swindon Dial A Ride (SDAR) implemented in September 2016:

‘(a) bring a report to Cabinet detailing the different options the Council has to create new income streams for Dial a Ride to mitigate the effects of the organisation’s funding cut; and
(b) set up a cross-party Cabinet Member advisory group to monitor and review the Swindon Dial a Ride contract and ensure the aims of this motion are achieved.’

Resolved – (1) That the content of the report detailing the options and discussions with SDAR be noted.

(2) That the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Place, be authorised to further develop any options that are considered viable by SDAR.

(3) That the Head of Highways and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Place, be authorised to implement such options as appropriate, in line with the Council’s Contract Standing Orders.

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