



CABINET
DECISION NOTICE

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At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on 31st January 2018 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

PRESENT: Councillor Watson (in the Chair)
Councillors Hyldon-King and Patrick

DN.98 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Oxby, Bolton, James and P. Wheatley for this meeting.

DN.99 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made in regards to any items of the agenda

DN.100 **TOLL BAR JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT**

Cabinet considered the deliberations of the Working Group on the Toll Bar junction improvement scheme. The Working Group met on January 15th/16th 2018 to consider options for the delivery of the project following a resolution of Full Council on 30th November 2017.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the findings of the Working Group into the Toll Bar junction improvement scheme be considered.**
- (2) That the Cabinet decision of 15th February 2017 to proceed with the implementation of a signalised crossroads junction with appropriate pedestrian/cycle safety measures, be endorsed.**
- (3) That the Director for Economy and Growth be authorised to instruct the Council's Regeneration Partner ENGIE to put appropriate measures in place to minimise the impact of the works on the highway network and the affected communities, and to make regular reports on progress to the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment and the relevant Scrutiny Panel.**

REASON FOR DECISION - Implementing the proposed junction scheme at Toll Bar will improve provision for pedestrians and cyclists using the junction including pupils at Tollbar Academy. The project will improve road safety and support participation in cycling and walking. The proposed junction improvement at Toll Bar will improve the capacity of North East Lincolnshire's strategic highway network to accommodate current traffic levels and forecast traffic growth. Increasing the capacity of the strategic highway network is essential if the Council's future economic growth and housing aspirations are to be realised. Failure to increase the capacity of the Toll Bar junction will have a significant impact on the Council's ability to deliver the spatial strategy set out in the Local Plan and could result in housing and employment development on a number of strategic sites being stalled, thereby impacting upon the ambition for economic growth over the plan period.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Cabinet could have chosen to do nothing in respect of the proposed Toll Bar junction improvement scheme. This option has not been pursued because:

- Not improving the capacity of the existing highway network would, if current levels of traffic growth are sustained, lead to unacceptable congestion; impact on the future adoption and delivery of the Local Plan; and place the Council at risk of failing to exercise its statutory duties under the Traffic Management Act 2004

- Not implementing road safety measures could place the Council at risk of failing to exercise its statutory duties under the Road Traffic Act 1988
- Failure to deliver the proposed improvement scheme could jeopardise the availability of the Local Growth Fund grant for the project and potentially create reputational risks for the Council in respect of future bids for funding.