

To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 20th July, 2017

# PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

# 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillor Watson (in the Chair)

Officers in attendance:

Angela Blake	Director of Economy and Growth
Simon Jones	Acting Monitoring Officer
Mark Scarr	Deputy Head of Highways and Transport – Engie
Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

Others in attendance:

Councillor Oxby

## PH.EE.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda.

## PH.EE.2 **PETITION – FRANKLIN COLLEGE, PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing near Franklin College, Grimsby.

The Portfolio Holder invited Mr Trevor Wray, Principal of Franklin College and Ms Wendy Ellis, Director of Finance at Franklin College, to present the petition. The high volume of traffic on Chelmsford Avenue, particularly at peak times, was noted as well as the numerous dangers to road safety. Photographs were shown to the Portfolio Holder to illustrate the problems. The request for a pedestrian crossing was supported by Humberside Police's Casualty Reduction Officer.

Councillor Oxby, Ward Councillor for South Ward, supported the request and referred to the hazardous situation that he often experienced when travelling on Chelmsford Avenue.

Mr Scarr reported that the site would need to be assessed and criteria applied with a view to reporting back to the next meeting of the Portfolio Holder on the most practicable and sensible solution to the problem.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and an update on potential implementation of an appropriate road safety scheme be submitted to the next meeting of this Portfolio Holder.

#### PH.EE.3 **PETITION – WEELSBY STREET, REPAVE THE PATH**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition requesting the re-paving of the footpath on Weelsby Street, Grimsby.

The Portfolio Holder invited Mr Stewart Stiff, a local resident, to present the petition.

Mr Stiff commented on the current unsightly and uneven nature of the paving. Residents were aware of plans to skim the surface with tarmac but they felt that this was unacceptable. He noted its use by school children as well as those travelling to the town centre and Freeman Street shopping areas. He felt that the use of paving stones would create symmetry with the other side of the street and be in keeping with its historic foundations.

The Portfolio Holder noted recent reductions in funding of the Local Transport Plan as a result of austerity measures and the resulting need to prioritise schemes.

Mr Scarr commented that he was sympathetic to the concerns of the residents but no safety defects had been identified and therefore there was nothing warranting any intervention at this stage. The situation would continue to be monitored and re-prioritised should any safety concerns be identified or further funding made available. However, as per agreed policy, any works carried out would involve re-surfacing rather than installing slabbed paving.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received and the matter be added to the Local Transport Plan forward programme. As such the footpath

would continue to be inspected and prioritised accordingly, with ward councillors consulted as appropriate.

### PH.EE. 4 TRACKING

The Portfolio Holder considered a report tracking the recommendations of previous meetings.

#### **RESOLVED** –

- (1) That in relation to DNPH.EE.43 (Petition on Edward Street Resident Parking Scheme), as it had not been possible to identify a solution that was acceptable to residents, there be further consultation with ward councillors to try to progress this matter. This item to be kept on tracking until a conclusion had been met.
- (2) That in relation to DNPH.EE.47 (Petition for road safety near Church of England School, Stallingborough) and DNPH.ET.16 (Petition for pedestrian crossing, Station Road, Stallingborough), it be noted that consultation on waiting restrictions was due to take place later this summer and that consultation would take place with Stallingborough Parish Council on preliminary designs for a pedestrian crossing point. These items to be kept on the tracking but combined as one item.

There being no further business, the Portfolio Holder closed the meeting at 10.48 a.m.