



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 14th December, 2017

PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

4th September 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Watson (in the Chair)

Officers in attendance:

Simon Jones	Solicitor and Acting Monitoring Officer
Martin Lear	Principal Transport Officer
Beverly O'Brien	Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer
Mark Scarr	Deputy Head of Highways and Transport – Engie
Debbie Swatman	Traffic Team Manager

Others in attendance:

Councillor Brookes – Ward Councillor and Lead Petitioner
Councillor Brown – Ward Councillor and Lead Petitioner
Councillor Cracknell

PH.EE.9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

PH.EE.10 **PETITION – LOCK GATES AT CLEETHORPES COUNTRY PARK**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition regarding the lock gates at Cleethorpes country park.

The Portfolio Holder invited Councillor Brookes as Lead Petitioner to present the petition. Councillor Brookes presented the following issues and concerns on behalf of residents:

- Loud noises of vehicles driving very fast through the estate at early hours of the morning.
- Residents being woken up.
- Car park being damaged, leading to a substantial amount to be paid to repair.
- Collection of litter in the car park.

Councillor Brookes summarised by stating that something needed to be done as it was disturbing residents. It was costing the authority more money to repair the damage done than it would paying someone to close the gates.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the petition and acknowledged the need for something to be done.

Mr Scarr stated that these gates did not come under Engie's jurisdiction.

Mr Jones explained that he would look into the matter and discuss with colleagues in Neighbourhood Services and Assets. He stated that he would brief Councillor Brookes and the Portfolio Holder on his findings.

RESOLVED – That the petition be received.

PH.EE.11

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE BUS QUALITY PARTNERSHIP – ANNUAL REPORT.

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that provided an update in relation to the work of the Bus Quality Partnership in North East Lincolnshire and the current bus network.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and a further update be provided in September 2018.

PH.EE.12

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Q1 MEMBERS UPDATE)

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that summarising the progress during Quarter 1 of the North East Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan programme for 2017/18.

RESOLVED - That the Local Transport Plan Quarter 1 Members Update be noted and its circulation to all Members for information be approved.

PH.EE.13

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCHEME UPDATE

The Portfolio Holder considered a report that set out the progress made in delivering significant Highways and Transport Schemes to date.

RESOLVED - That the Highways and Transport Scheme update (September 2017) be noted and its circulation to all Members for information be approved.

PH.EE.14

TRACKING REPORT

The Portfolio Holder received a tracking report tracking the recommendations of this Portfolio Holder and to agree any items for sign off.

At DPH.EE.3 (Petition to repave the path – Weelsby Street, Grimsby) it was noted that the appeal had been received by the Economy Scrutiny Panel on the 23rd August 2017. The Panel had recommended that the section of path on Weelsby Street between Wellington Street and The Square be inspected again, as a matter of urgency, to ensure that it was safe and fit for purpose and that this section of path be re-skimmed in its entirety, as a matter of urgency. As a result, the path had been re-inspected and it came back as being fit for purpose. Officers stated that it would be inspected regularly to make sure it was given the correct level of priority for resurfacing.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That in relation to DNPH.EE.43 (Petition on Edward Street – Resident Parking Scheme), it be noted that as numerous discussions had taken place with the residents and there was no agreed way forward, this matter be closed.
- (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), as an experimental Traffic Regulation Order had been implemented and became operational from 4th September 2017, this matter be closed, noting that from the date of operation there was a statutory 6 month consultation period for objections to the ETRO to be received.
- (3) That in relation to DNPH.EE.2 (Petition for a pedestrian crossing opposite Franklin College, Grimsby), this matter be closed as the site had been looked at by Police Road Safety and the statistics didn't warrant a formal crossing. However, Officers stated that there was a site opposite which was for sale and it could mean there was future potential for development which could result in the need for a formal crossing. Any further developments would be reported as necessary.

- (4) That in relation to DPH.EE.3 (Petition to repave the path – Weelsby Street, Grimsby), the path be inspected regularly to make sure it was given the correct level of priority for resurfacing.
- (5) That in relation to DPH.EE.6 (Petition for the maintenance schedule for public grassed areas in Cleethorpes) it be noted that the issues raised by the lead petitioner would be discussed at the next Smarter Neighbourhoods working group.

PH.EE.15

URGENT BUSINESS – PETITION, CLEETHORPES PROMENADE

The Portfolio Holder received a petition seeking to resolve speeding and anti-social behaviour along Cleethorpes Promenade that had been referred by full Council.

The item was considered urgent in order to seek to resolve potential issues of anti-social behaviour and speeding.

Mr Scarr informed the Portfolio Holder that the North and Central promenades were un-adopted highways and therefore, were not in Engie's remit. Nevertheless, Engie could advise the authority on traffic calming measures if that was what they wanted to be considered.

The Portfolio Holder invited Councillor Brown, Ward Councillor and lead petitioner, to speak and he stated that a number of residents were concerned over the situation with speeding and anti-social behaviour on the promenade. He said that the number of signatures on the petition showed how much of a big problem it was. Councillor Brown stated that something needed to be done to make the North and Central Promenade an adopted highway and speed cameras needed to be introduced to keep residents and visitors safe. He stated that the authority needed to put a stop to what was happening.

Mr Scarr explained that the nature of the road did not lend itself to become an adopted highway and enforcement generally may well be the issue. Therefore, there was a degree of reliance on self-regulation.

Ms Swatman mentioned that it may be useful for the authority to liaise with Humberside Police and the Safer Roads Partnership to garner a view as to enforcement.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the petition be referred to the Communities Scrutiny Panel for further exploration.
- (2) That, thereafter, the petition be considered by the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Public Protection.

There being no further business, the Portfolio Holder closed the meeting at 10.50 a.m.