



To be submitted to the Council meeting on 19th March, 2020

CABINET

23rd December, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Cracknell, Fenty, Lindley, Shepherd and Shreeve.

Officers in attendance:

Rob Walsh (Joint Chief Executive)
Simon Jones (Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer)
Clive Tritton (Interim Director Economy and Growth)
Mark Nearney (Assistant Director Housing and Interim Assistant
Director for Highways, Transport and Planning)
Luke Greaves (Interim Head of Highways & Transportation)
Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

Also in attendance:

Councillors Brookes and Harness.

There were six members of the public and three members of the press in attendance.

CB.75 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Procter and S Swinburn.

CB.76 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

TOLL BAR: STRATEGIC HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY OPTIONS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval for a programme of improvements to the Toll Bar (A16) junction.

The Chair noted that he chaired the Planning Committee meeting when this matter was first raised four years ago. Officer advice had been consistent but he did not agree with it and it had been clear during this year's local election campaign that the residents of North East Lincolnshire wanted the roundabout to be retained. He noted that pedestrian safety issues had largely been resolved by the installation of a toucan crossing on the northern arm of the roundabout in October, 2019 and this had not resulted in more congestion as had been reported. The Chair commented that he would therefore be supporting option 2 in the report, noting that it was also a cheaper and more cost effective scheme which would cause much less disruption.

Councillor Fenty set out the history of the improvement scheme and noted that it was clear to him from an early stage that the proposal was flawed. He detailed action taken by the administration since the local elections in May, 2019, including the installation of the toucan crossing. While a traffic light solution could improve traffic flows, he felt that they presented significant risks to pedestrian safety at this location through drivers 'jumping' the lights. He felt that option 2 in the report broadly delivered all that was asked for and offered value for money.

Councillor Shreeve commented that he had lost count of the number of meetings he had attended in opposition to the original proposal and he had always believed that there were alternative solutions.

Councillor Lindley felt that option 2 presented a common sense approach and would address his concerns about commuters seeking alternative routes into Grimsby.

Councillor Shepherd commented on the pre-emptive destruction of bushes and hedgerows prior to works commencing on the removal of the roundabout and hoped that option 2 would assist in their replacement.

RESOLVED –

1. That the existing roundabout be retained and enhanced through a range of measures including providing two lanes for 'ahead' travel over the A16 and widening the approaches to the roundabout on Station Road East/Station Road West (Option 2 as set out in the report now submitted).
2. That the Director for Economy and Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, be authorised to

- finalise the infrastructure design and all ancillary works for the approved scheme.
 - commence a procurement exercise for the approved scheme and to make an appropriate award.
 - put appropriate measures in place to minimise the impact of the works on the highway network and the affected communities.
 - commence negotiations with the developer of the adjoining housing site at Toll Bar to agree any additional highway works to mitigate the traffic impacts of the development required in light of the Cabinet decision
3. That the Director of Economy and Growth be authorised to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary thereto be completed.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.