

# **Report to the County Council**

29<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Agenda Item: **5b** 

#### REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

# RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

### **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of responses to the issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 23 February 2012:

- A. Petition opposing the reduced street lighting in Worksop East
- B. Petition regarding the proposed environmental weight limit on C3 Orston, Alverton and Kilvington Road in Thoroton

### A. Petition opposing the reduced street lighting in Worksop East.

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

- 1. A 101 signature petition was presented to the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle. The petition opposes the reduced street lighting in Worksop East.
- 2. The Worksop consultation of the Street Lighting Energy Saving Project was completed on 29<sup>th</sup> February and Carlton in Lindrick on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Both areas have produced a much heavier response than usual with residents requesting that lights be left on in these areas.
- 3. A trial is currently being undertaken in the St Mary's Road / Abbey Road area of Bingham in which some key lighting at junction node points will be returned to all-night operation. When the trial has been operating for two months it will be evaluated, taking into account the views of the police, the Accident Investigation Unit and the Town Council. These results will then be used to inform any decisions to be taken regarding changes to the lighting levels in other areas.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

# B. <u>Petition regarding the proposed environmental weight limit on C3 Orston, Alverton and Kilvington Road in Thoroton</u>

Response of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

- 4. A petition of 20 signatures was presented to the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Martin Suthers regarding the proposed environmental weight limit on C3 Orston, Alverton and Kilvington Road in Thoroton. The petitioners seek to suspend the introduction of an experimental weight restriction order and state reasons for opposition to the proposal in the supporting documents.
- 5. I will consider all of the comments received in respect of the proposals to introduce an experimental weight restriction order along a length of the C3 between Newark and the A52 and intend to make a decision in the near future.
- 6. The clerk of Thoroton Parish Meeting will be advised of the outcome of the consideration of the objection as will all individuals or organisations that have registered a comment in respect of the proposed experimental order.

COUNCILLOR RICHARD JACKSON
Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways

#### **Reason for Recommendation**

7. To update members on the petitions presented to the last meeting of Council

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

#### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

1) It is RECOMMENDED that the contents and proposed actions be noted and that the petitioners are informed accordingly.

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sara Allmond, Governance Team

#### **Constitutional Comments**

9. The contents and proposed actions in this report are for noting only.

# **Background Papers**

None

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected** 

Worksop East and Bingham.