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| SUMMONS TO COUN                                     | CIL   |
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| date Thursday, 25 April 2013<br>commencing at 10:00 | venue County Hall, West Bridgford,<br>Nottingham  |
|   | above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on se of transacting the business on the Agenda as |
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|   | Chief Executive   |

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- 1 Minutes of the last meeting 28 February 13
- 2 Apologies for Absence

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- Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
  (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  (b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary)
- 4 Chairman's Business Presentation of Awards/Certificates (if any)
- **5** Constituency Issues (see note 5 below)
- **6a** Presentation of Petitions (if any) (see note 6 below)
- **6bi** Petitions Responses report from Transport & Highways Committee 17 22
  - Questions (a) Questions to Nottinghamshire Police Authority and Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority
    - (b) Questions to Committee Chairmen

| 8  | Clarification of Committee Meeting Minutes since the last meeting on 28th February 2013 | 23 - 24 |
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| 9  | Bus Lane Enforcement  | 25 - 34 |
| 10 | Rolls Royce Site Hucknall   | 35 - 38 |
| 11 | NOTICE OF MOTION  |         |

"That Nottinghamshire County Council values its beautiful country park estates and will oppose any application to build on this land. We recognise our duty to preserve these green spaces for the benefit of future generations."

## Councillor Richard Butler

**Councillor John Cottee** 

**12** Adjournment Debate (if any)

NOTES:-

## (A) For Councillors

(1) Group meetings of Members will be held as follows:-

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Liberal Democrat Group - 10.00 am

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013

Independent Group - 11.30 am

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013

| Conservative Group | - | 10.00 am |
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Labour Group - 1.30 pm

(2) The Chairman has agreed that the Council will adjourn for lunch at their discretion.

(3) (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.

(b) Any member or officer who declares a prejudicial interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.



## Nottinghamshire County Council

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (10.00 am –8.15 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A'

## COUNCILLORS

Carol Pepper (Chairman) L B Cooper (Vice Chairman)

|   | Reg Adair                      |
|---|--------------------------------|
|   | John Allin                     |
| А | Fiona Asbury                   |
|   | Chris Barnfather               |
|   | Victor Bobo                    |
|   | Joyce Bosnjak                  |
|   | Richard Butler                 |
|   | Steve Carr                     |
|   | Steve Carroll                  |
|   | Allen Clarke                   |
|   | Ged Clarke                     |
| А | John Clarke                    |
| / | John Cottee                    |
|   | Michael J Cox                  |
|   | Jim Creamer                    |
|   | Bob Cross                      |
|   | Mrs Kay Cutts                  |
| А | V H Dobson                     |
| ~ | Dr John Doddy                  |
|   | Sybil Fielding                 |
|   | Stephen Garner                 |
| А | Michelle Gent                  |
| A |                                |
|   | Glynn Gilfoyle                 |
|   | Keith Girling<br>Kevin Greaves |
|   |                                |
|   | John M Hempsall                |
|   | Stan Heptinstall MBE           |
|   | Rev. Tom Irvine                |
|   | Richard Jackson                |
|   | Rod Kempster                   |
|   | Eric Kerry                     |
|   | John Knight                    |
|   | Bruce Laughton                 |

Keith Longdon Rachel Madden Geoff Merry Mick Murphy Philip Owen John Peck Sheila Place Darrell Pulk Mike Quigley MBE Mrs Wendy Quigley Alan Rhodes Ken Rigby Kevin Rostance Mrs Sue Saddington Mel Shepherd MBE

S Smedley MBE JP А Mark Spencer MP June Stendall Andy Stewart Martin Suthers OBE Lynn Sykes **David Taylor** Parry Tsimbiridis Gail Turner Keith Walker Stuart Wallace Gordon Wheeler Chris Winterton **Brian Wombwell** Martin Wright Liz Yates Jason Zadrozny

#### HONORARY ALDERMEN

Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo OBE Mr Stewart Pattinson

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

| Mick Burrows       | (Chief Executive)                                 |
|--------------------|---|
| Jayne Francis-Ward | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services          |
| Tim Gregory        | (Environment and Resources                        |
| Anthony May        | (Children, Families and Cultural Services)        |
| David Pearson      | (Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection) |
| Paul Simpson       | (Environment and Resources)                       |
| Carl Bilbey        | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Gail Holliday      | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Marie Lewis        | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Chris Holmes       | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Karen Townrow      | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Anna Vincent       | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Michelle Welsh     | (Policy, Planning and Corporate Services)         |
| Robert Knott       | (Environment and Resources)                       |
| Neil Robinson      | (Environment and Resources)                       |
| Marge Toward       | (Environment and Resources)                       |

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

#### FORMER COUNCILLOR JOHN BELL

It was reported that former Councillor John Bell had recently died, and Members paid tribute to him.

#### 1. MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED: 2013/10**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 20th December 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:-

Medical/Illness Councillor Stella Smedley Councillor Michelle Gent Councillor Vince Dobson

<u>Other</u> Councillor John Clarke Councillor Fiona Asbury

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Monitoring Officer indicated that Councillors did not need to seek a dispensation in order to participate in discussions, or vote on decisions in the Council tax setting process.

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

## (a) <u>Presentation of Awards - Cutting of Carbon Emissions</u>

Councillor Richard Butler presented the Chairman with the Cutting Carbon Emissions Award, which acknowledged the work of the Council in cutting carbon emissions.

## 5. PETITIONS

## (a). PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor Bruce Laughton Petition regarding Holloughton Road Safety Campaign
- (2) Councillor Bruce Laughton Petition from residents adjacent to Great North Road, Carlton in Lindrick regarding vibration from lorries using the main road
- (3) Councillor John Hempsall Petition requesting the introduction of a weight restriction on lorries travelling through the villages of Sutton, Grassthorpe, Normanton and Ragnall
- (4) Councillor Gordon Wheeler Petition from residents of Loughborough Road requesting that the road be resurfaced with noise reducing stone mastic asphalt
- (5) Councillor Stan Heptinstall Petition regarding concerns about new parking bays on Warren Avenue

- (6) Councillor Stan Heptinstall Petition against parking/permit parking on Wellington Street, Stapleford
- (7) Councillor June Stendall –Petition on the reduction of the speed limit on Abbot Road, Mansfield
- (8) Councillor Keith Girling Petition regarding parking on Millgate, Newark
- (9) Councillor Steve Carroll (on behalf of Councillor Michelle Gent)
   Petition regarding the increase on street parking limit on Outram Street, Sutton in Ashfield
- (10) Councillor John Allin Petition regarding one way system Clumber Street, Worksop
- (11) Councillor Andy Stewart Petition regarding speeding on Bleasby Road, Thurgaton
- (12) Councillor Andy Stewart Petition requesting 30mph speed limit on Boat Lane, Hoveringham

## RESOLVED: 2013/11

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules.

## (b) <u>PETITION RESPONSES</u>

#### **RESOLVED: 2013/12**

That the contents and actions be noted in respect of petition responses agreed by the Environment And Sustainability Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012, and the Transport and Highways Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

## 6. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification on the minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting.

## 7. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2013-2014

Councillor Andy Stewart introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2013/14 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts

## RESOLVED: 2013/13

That the Pay Policy Statement as appended to the report be approved, which sets out the Council's existing policies, procedures and terms and conditions of employment for all staff for publication on the Council's website by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

#### 8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANNUAL RESIDENTS' SATISFACTION SURVEY 2012

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2013/14 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Suthers OBE. Attention was drawn to the increased level of satisfaction with the way the County Council runs things, with an increase from 47% in 2011, to 63% in 2012.

#### RESOLVED: 2013/14

That the final report of the 2012 Nottinghamshire Annual Residents Satisfaction survey be noted.

## 9. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Martin Suthers OBE introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2013/15 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts.

## RESOLVED: 2013/15

- (1) That the terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board set out in **Appendix 1** to the report be adopted from 1 April 2013.
- (2) That the current membership of the Board be noted and approved, in particular that the Corporate Director Adult Social Care Health and Public Protection, the Corporate Director Children Families and Cultural Services and the Director of Public Health are included in the membership notwithstanding that they are employees of Nottinghamshire County Council; and also that the County Councillor representation reflects the political balance of the Authority.

- (3) That the amendments to the Council's Constitution set out in **Appendix 2** to the report be approved.
- (4) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential amendments to the Constitution.

#### 10. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL BROADBAND PLAN

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of the resolution 2013/16 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keith Girling.

#### **RESOLVED: 2013/16**

- (1) That the progress towards the procurement of a broadband delivery partner be noted.
- (2) That Council continues to work with partners to encourage demand for better broadband across the County, and in particular in those areas that will benefit from this new investment.

#### <u>11. ANNUAL BUDGET 2013/14</u> <u>CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2016/17</u> <u>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14 TO 2016/17</u> <u>COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT 2013/14</u>

Councillor Reg Adair introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2013/17 below, which was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts.

Councillor June Stendall moved the Independent Group's amendment (attached as Appendix A) which was seconded by Councillor Martin Wright.

Council adjourned for lunch from 12.30 pm until 1.45 pm for lunch.

The Motion and amendment were debated. During the debate Council adjourned from 4.25 pm to 4.45 pm.

The Independent Group's amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared that it was lost.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman indicated that it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

#### 'FOR'

**Reg Adair Chris Barnfather** Victor Bobo **Richard Butler** Allen Clarke Ged Clarke L B Cooper John Cottee Michael J Cox Mrs Kay Cutts Dr John Doddy Keith Girling John M Hempsall **Richard Jackson Rod Kempster** Eric Kerry **Bruce Laughton** 

Mick Murphy Philip Owen **Carol Pepper** Mike Quigley MBE Mrs Wendy Quigley **Kevin Rostance** Mrs Sue Saddington Mel Shepherd MBE Mark Spencer MP Andy Stewart Martin Suthers OBE Lynn Sykes Keith Walker Stuart Wallace Gordon Wheeler Liz Yates

The following 14 Members voted 'Against' the motion :-

#### 'AGAINST'

John Allin Joyce Bosnjak Steve Carroll Jim Creamer Sybil Fielding Glynn Gilfoyle Kevin Greaves John Knight John Peck JP Sheila Place Darrell Pulk Alan Rhodes Parry Tsimbiridis Chris Winterton

The following 12 Members abstained :-

#### 'ABSTENTIONS'

Steve Carr Stephen Garner Stan Heptinstall MBE Keith Longdon Rachel Madden Geoff Merry Ken Rigby June Stendall Gail Turner Brian Wombwell Martin Wight Jason Zadrozny The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

## **RESOLVED: 2013/17**

- (1) That the Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council be set at £512.138 million for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 15 of the report.
- (2) The Finance & Property Committee be authorised to make allocations from the General Contingency for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 18 of the report.
- (3) That the County Council element of the Council Tax be set at a standard Band D tax rate of £1,193.18 and for the various Bands of property be:-

| Band | Value as at 1 <sup>st</sup> April | No of   | % no   | Ratio | County   | County   | Change |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|----------|----------|--------|
|      | 1991                              | prop-   | of     |       | Council  | Council  | £      |
|      |                                   | erties  | prop-  |       | 2012/13  | 2013/14  |        |
|      |                                   |         | erties |       | £        | £        |        |
| А    | Up to £40,000                     | 140,560 | 40.0   | 6/9   | 795.45   | 795.45   | -      |
| В    | £40,001 - £52,000                 | 72,320  | 20.6   | 7/9   | 928.03   | 928.03   | -      |
| С    | £52,001 - £68,000                 | 60,210  | 17.1   | 8/9   | 1,060.60 | 1,060.60 | -      |
| D    | £68,001 - £88,000                 | 39,720  | 11.3   | 1     | 1,193.18 | 1,193.18 | -      |
| E    | £88,001 - £120,000                | 21,830  | 6.2    | 11/9  | 1,458.33 | 1,458.33 | -      |
| F    | £120,001 - £160,000               | 10,470  | 3.0    | 13/9  | 1,723.58 | 1,723.58 | -      |
| G    | £160,001 - £320,000               | 5,890   | 1.7    | 15/9  | 1,988.63 | 1,988.63 | -      |
| Н    | Over £320,000                     | 450     | 0.1    | 18/9  | 2,386.36 | 2,386.36 | -      |

- (4) That the County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2014 be £273,323,283 and be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses, as set out in paragraph 24 of the report.
- (5) That the County Precept for 2013/14 be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 25 of the report with the payments of equal instalments on the following dates:

| 2013     | 2013         | 2014       |
|----------|--------------|------------|
| 19 April | 11 September | 3 February |
| 29 May   | 16 October   | 10 March   |
| 1 July   | 20 November  |            |
| 5 August | 23 December  |            |

- (6) That, subject to the final outturn for 2013/14, up to £5 million of County Fund Balances be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme, as set out in appendix C of the report.
- (7) That the Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2016/17 be approved at total amounts of

| 2013/14 | £132.956 million |
|---------|------------------|
| 2014/15 | £ 82.055 million |
| 2015/16 | £ 54.735 million |
| 2016/17 | £ 45.298 million |

and be financed as set out in the report.

- (8) That the variations to the Capital Programme be approved as set out in paragraphs 30 to 51 of the report.
- (9) That the Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2013/14, as set out in appendix E of the report, be approved.
- (10) That the Prudential Indicators, as set out in appendix F of the report, be approved
- (11) That the Service Director Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise loans in 2013/14 within the limits of total external borrowings, as set out in paragraph 58 of the report.
- (12) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14, as set out in appendix G of the report, be approved.
- (13) That the Treasury Management Policy for 2013/14, as set out in appendix H of the report, be approved.
- (14) That the report on the Annual Budget for 2013/14 and the Capital Programme 2013/14 2016/17 be approved and adopted.
- (15) That the principles underlying the Medium Term financial strategy be approved as set out in Table 1 of the report.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

#### CHAIRMAN

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## APPENDIX A

Paragraph

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#### Independent Group's Amendment

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2013

#### **INDEPENDENT GROUP AMENDMENT**

Agenda Item 11

#### ANNUAL BUDGET 2013/14

The Schedule of Recommendations moved by the Chairman of the Finance and Property Committee as shown on pages 15 and 16 of the report be deleted and replaced by the following:-

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. The Annual Revenue Budget for Nottinghamshire County Council is set at 15 £512.138 million for 2013/14 incorporating the following amendments:-

|  | £'000   |
|--|---------|
| Children and Young People                          |         |
| School Transport (permanent)                       | (1,000) |
| Adult Social Care and Health                       |         |
| Young Carers (permanent)                           | 30      |
| Welfare Benefits Support (permanent)               | 120     |
| Meals at Home (permanent)                          | 70      |
| Transport and Highways                             |         |
| Rural Transport (permanent)                        | 200     |
| Highways Maintenance (permanent)                   | 430     |
| Environment and Sustainability                     |         |
| Local Waste Recycling Incentive Scheme (permanent) | 150     |
|  |         |
| Net Budget Adjustment                              | 0       |

- 2. The Finance and Property Committee be authorized to make allocations 18 from the General Contingency for 2013/14.
- That the County Council element of the Council Tax is set at a standard
  Band D tax rate of £1,193.18 and for the various Bands of property shall
  be:

| Band | Value as at 1.4.91  | No. of<br>Properties | % no. of<br>properties | Ratio | County<br>Council<br>2012/13<br>£ | County<br>Council<br>2013/14<br>£ | Change<br>£ |
|------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| А    | Up to £40,000       | 140,560              | 40.0                   | 6/9   | 795.45                            | 795.45                            | -           |
| В    | £40,001- £52,000    | 72,320               | 20.6                   | 7/9   | 928.03                            | 928.03                            | -           |
| С    | £52,001- £68,000    | 60,210               | 17.1                   | 8/9   | 1,060.60                          | 1,060.60                          | -           |
| D    | £68,001- £88,000    | 39,720               | 11.3                   | 1     | 1,193.18                          | 1,193.18                          | -           |
| Е    | £88,001- £120,000   | 21,830               | 6.2                    | 11/9  | 1,458.33                          | 1,458.33                          | -           |
| F    | £120,001- £160,000  | 10,470               | 3.0                    | 13/9  | 1,723.48                          | 1,723.48                          | -           |
| G    | £160,001 - £320,000 | 5,890                | 1.7                    | 15/9  | 1,988.63                          | 1,988.63                          | -           |
| Н    | Over £320,000       | 450                  | 0.1                    | 18/9  | 2,386.36                          | 2,386.36                          | -           |

- 4. The County Precept for the year ending 31 March 2014 shall be £273,323,283 and shall be applicable to the whole of the District Council areas as General Expenses.
- 5. The County Precept for 2013/14 shall be collected from the District and Borough Councils in the proportions set out in paragraph 32 with the payment of equal instalments on the following dates:

Table 7

Appendix F

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| 2013     | 2013         | 2014       |
|----------|--------------|------------|
| 19 April | 11 September | 3 February |
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| 1 July   | 20 November  |            |
| 5 August | 23 December  |            |

- Subject to the final outturn for 2013/14, up to £5m of under spend be transferred to the Capital Projects Reserve to support the future capital programme.
- 7. The Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2016/17 be approved at total Table 8 amounts of:
  - £132.956m 2013/14 £ 82.055m 2014/15 £ 54.735m 2015/16 £ 45.298m 2016/17

and be financed as set out in the report.

| 8. | The variations to the Capital Programme be approved. | 30-51 |
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|----|--|-------|

- 9. The Minimum Revenue Provision policy for 2013/14 be approved. Appendix E
- 10. The Prudential Indicators be approved.
- 11. The Service Director Finance & Procurement be authorised to raise 58

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loans in 2012/13 within the limits of total external borrowings.

12. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2013/14 be approved. Appendix G

Appendix H

- 13. The Treasury Management Policy for 2013/14 be approved.
- 14. The report on the Annual Budget for 2013/14, and the Capital Programme 2013/14 2016/17 be approved and adopted with the amendments detailed above.
- 15. The principles underlying the Medium Term Financial Strategy be Table 1 approved.

CLLR JUNE STENDALL CLLR MARTIN WRIGHT

Nottinghamshire County Council

**Report to the County Council** 

25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Agenda Item: 6(b)(i)

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

# RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012 AND TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013

## Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions of the Transport & Highways Committee on issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and to the Chairman of the Transport & Highways Committee at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The petitions were considered and agreed by the Transport & Highways Committee at their meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

- A. Petition requesting an upgrade of the zebra crossing at Newthorpe
- B. Petition requesting a School Crossing Patrol for Park Street Beeston
- C. Petition requesting Residents Parking Scheme Lime Grove Retford
- D. Petition requesting safety improvements at the A614/Mickledale Lane junction, Bilsthorpe
- E. Petition requesting Residents Parking Scheme Stubbing Lane, Worksop
- F. Petition requesting improvements on The Hill and Chapel Street, Kirkby in Ashfield
- G. Petition concerning vehicle speeds Town Street, Bramcote
- H. Petition requesting for the street lighting in Styrrup & Oldcoates to be returned to all night
- I. Petition Requesting that Local Bus Service 17 be reinstated

## A. <u>Request for an upgrade of the zebra crossing at Newthorpe</u>

1. A petition was presented by County Councillor Keith Longdon to the County Council meeting on 20 December 2012 on behalf of 124 residents of Newthorpe. The petition requested an upgrade of the zebra crossing to a light controlled crossing.

- 2. A zebra crossing was installed on B6010 Nottingham Road at its junction with Newthorpe Common during 2012/13 following a petition request for a pedestrian crossing. An interactive speed sign was also installed at the same time to assist in slowing traffic on its approach to the crossing.
- 3. There have been no injury accidents at this location involving people using the new crossing. Speed surveys will, however, be undertaken on the approaches to the zebra crossing to determine if the existing zebra crossing needs to be upgraded to a light signal crossing.

## B. Petition requesting a School Crossing Patrol for Park Street, Beeston

- 4. A petition was presented at the County Council meeting on 20 December 2012 by County Councillor Steve Carr, requesting the provision of a School Crossing Patrol (SCP) on Park Street Beeston.
- 5. The previous SCP at this location retired in September 2012, and following an extensive recruitment drive, two applications for this post were received over the Christmas holiday period. Following an interview and a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check, the appointment of a SCP was made and the successful candidate is now working on site.

## C. Petition requesting Residents Parking Scheme – Lime Grove, Retford

- 6. An 10 signature petition was presented to the 20<sup>th</sup> December meeting of the County Council by Councillor Mike Quigley. The petitioners objected to the non-residential parking along Lime Grove, reporting restricted access to and from properties, access difficulties for emergency services and footpath obstruction.
- 7. The petition reportedly represents all residents of Lime Grove who are in favour of paying the £25 fee for resident parking permits.
- 8. Requests for Residents Parking Schemes are currently being considered for funding and as a result of this petition Lime Grove will be put forward for consideration.

## D. <u>Petition requesting safety improvements at the A614/Mickledale Lane junction.</u> <u>Bilsthorpe</u>

9. Three petitions were presented by County Councillor John Peck – an on-line petition on behalf of 172 people; accompanied by a petition with 490 hand written names; the third petition containing 416 names dates from 2009. None of the names on the petitions have been cross checked for double counting. The petition requests safety improvements to the A614/Mickledale Lane, Bilsthorpe junction.

- 10. There have been six collisions at this location during the period 01.01.07-31.10.12, an average of one collision per year. Five of the collisions resulted in only slight casualties with only one of the six collisions resulting in a serious casualty. The site would not therefore be prioritised for an accident remedial scheme. It is also estimated that the introduction of traffic signals at this junction may increase the number of accidents (using COBA cost benefit analysis). It is therefore not currently proposed to install traffic signals at this junction.
- 11. The improvements made at Rose Cottage could potentially provide more opportunities for traffic to turn into and out of Mickledale Lane (as it could provide gaps in the traffic flows). A review of the existing signing on the approach to the A614/Mickledale Lane will, however, be undertaken and updated if necessary.

## E. Petition requesting Residents Parking Scheme – Stubbing Lane, Worksop

- 12. A 169 signature petition was presented to the 20<sup>th</sup> December meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kevin Greaves. The petitioners objected to the non-residential parking along Stubbing Lane and surrounding areas, reporting restricted access for parking outside properties, access difficulties for emergency services and buses and road safety issues associated with limited visibility caused by parking.
- 13. Requests for Residents Parking Schemes are currently being considered for funding and as a result of this petition Stubbing Lane will be put forward for consideration.

## F. Improvements on The Hill and Chapel Street, Kirkby in Ashfield

- 14. A petition was presented by County Councillor Rachel Madden on behalf of 101 residents. The petition requested a review of the traffic system and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit along The Hill and Chapel Street.
- 15. There have been no injury accidents involving pedestrians along The Hill and Chapel Street during the period 1/1/07 31/10/12 and speed was not detailed as a contributory factor to any of the accidents involving only vehicles.
- 16. Speed surveys will, however, be undertaken on The Hill and Chapel Street to determine if vehicles exceeding the speed limit are a significant problem. If, once these surveys are completed, vehicle speeds are considered too high, then appropriate measures to address the identified problem will be investigated.

## G. Petition - Vehicle Speeds, Town Street, Bramcote

- 17. A 92 signature petition was presented to the 15th January 2013 meeting of the Transport and Highways Committee by Councillor Stan Heptinstall. The petitioners requested that physical traffic calming measures be introduced on Town Street Bramcote. There were also concerns expressed over the effectiveness of the interactive sign.
- 18. In conjunction with the petitioners, survey work has been carried out which shows the average speed is between 28 and 31 mph.
- 19. The environmental impact and noise created by traffic calming measures as well as limited support has led to traffic calming schemes being introduced only where there has been an identified injury accident problem involving vulnerable roads users. There have been five slight injury accidents in the period 1/1/09 to 30/4/12 along Town Street with only one of them involving a vehicle driving too fast for the conditions and as such a traffic calming scheme cannot be justified on accident reduction grounds.
- 20. The interactive sign in question was problematic as it was one of the earliest models installed and it has now been replaced with a new one. The results from the speed survey show that the sign is on the side where vehicles are travelling at a greater speed.

## H. <u>Petition requesting for the street lighting in Styrrup & Oldcoates to be returned to</u> <u>all night</u>

- 21. A petition was presented to the Chairman at the meeting of the Transport and Highways Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> January by Councillor Sheila Place. The petition opposed the reduced street lighting which has been implemented on some roads in Styrrup & Oldcoates in April 2012 as part of the Street Lighting Energy Saving Project.
- 22. The area has suffered from reports of crime in recent months and this has raised local concerns around fear of crime and subsequent requests for the lighting to be returned to all night.
- 23. The six month review has been completed and shows a slight increase in crime but this is representative with a general increase in rural crime in the Bassetlaw area. Further advice has been requested from the local police and the adjusted lighting is not thought to have had a detrimental effect on crime in Styrrup & Oldcoates.
- 24. Based on the process recently agreed at the Transport & Highways Committee, the decision has been taken to wait for the 12 month review data to become available. This will give a true picture of what is happening with regard to crime and a decision will be taken once the review is fully complete.

## I. <u>Petition Requesting that Local Bus Service 17 be reinstated</u>

25. A petition was presented to the Transport & Highways Committee meeting on 15th January 2013 by Councillor Stan Heptinstall requesting that Local Bus Service 17, operating from Nottingham via Stapleford and Toton to Beeston be reinstated. This commercial service operated by Premiere Travel, who have since ceased trading, was withdrawn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January this year. To resolve this matter the Toton Connect service, funded by the County Council, was extended to operate from Stapleford. Passengers wishing to travel to Nottingham or Beeston can then connect using other high frequency commercial services operating in the area.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

26. To update members on the petitions presented to the County Council on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and to the Transport & Highways Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

27. 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 actions be noted.

## Report of the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee

## For any enquiries about this report please contact: Peter Barker

## **Background Papers**

None

## Electoral Division(s)

Eastwood, Beeston North, Retford West, Rufford, Worksop West, Kirkby in Ashfield South, Bramcote and Stapleford, Blyth and Harworth.



**Report to County Council** 

25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## Clarification of Minutes of Committee Meetings published since the last meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members the opportunity to raise any matters of clarification on the minutes of Committee meetings published since the last meeting of Full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

## Information and Advice

2. The following minutes of Committees have been published since the last meeting of Full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and are accessible via the Council website:-<u>http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx</u>

| Committee meeting                                   | Minutes of meeting                                |
|---|---|
| Administration Committee                            | 20 <sup>th</sup> March                            |
| Adult Social Care and Health Committee              | 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 25 <sup>th</sup> March     |
| Appeals Sub-Committee                               | None  |
| Audit Committee                                     | 12th September 2012                               |
| Children & Young People's Committee                 | 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 11 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Community Safety Committee                          | 26th February                                     |
| Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee                   | 14 <sup>th</sup> January                          |
| Culture Committee                                   | 5 <sup>th</sup> March                             |
| Early Years and Youth Services Sub-Committee        | 13 <sup>th</sup> February                         |
| Economic Development Committee                      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January                          |
| Environment and Sustainability Committee            | 14 <sup>th</sup> February, 14 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Finance and Property Committee                      | 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 20 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Grant Aid Sub-Committee                             | 28 <sup>th</sup> January                          |
| Health Scrutiny Committee                           | 21 <sup>st</sup> January                          |
| Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee         | 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 12 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport | 21st September 2012                               |
| Nottinghamshire Pensions Fund Committee             | 28th January                                      |
| Pensions Investment Sub-Committee                   | None  |
| Pensions Sub-Committee                              | None  |
| Personnel Committee                                 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                          |
| Planning & Licensing Committee                      | 26 <sup>th</sup> February, 26 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Policy Committee                                    | 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 13 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Rights of Way Committee                             | None  |

| Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board | 6 <sup>th</sup> March     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Transport and Highways Committee  | 6 <sup>th</sup> February, |

Mick Burrows Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council **Report to The Full Council** 

25 April 2013

Agenda Item:9

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

## **BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT**

## **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to participate in joint arrangements for the provision of adjudication services for bus lane enforcement.

## Information and Advice

- 2. On 21 March 2013 the Transport and Highways Committee agreed to enable the commencement of bus lane enforcement at Nuthall bus gate by setting the penalty charge and authorising associated advertising. The meeting also agreed to seek authorisation from Full Council to enter into a s101 agreement for the provision of adjudication services.
- 3. Authorities undertaking bus lane enforcement are required to participate in joint arrangements for adjudication services. Outside of London this is provided by the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee (BLASJC) which is hosted by Cheshire East Council (from 1 April 2013). The administrative arrangements require that authorities nominate a representative to be a member of the joint committee and enter into an established Agreement under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 4. The Joint Committee does not take or influence decisions on individual cases but its purpose is to ensure the efficient provision of an adjudication service for all participating authorities, to manage the budgetary arrangements of the service and to oversee the provision of a fair and consistent Traffic Penalty Tribunal. These arrangements are the same as those for the joint committee which provides adjudication services for parking enforcement and of which the County Council is already a member. Further details are provided in Appendix 1, which sets out the Committees' purpose, Terms of Reference and Standing Orders as well as budgetary and administrative arrangements.
- 5. Due to the requirement to participate in and to appoint a member to represent the Council on the Joint Committee only Full Council is authorised to approve such arrangements.
- 6. It is usual for the representative member of the parking joint board to also be that of the bus lane joint board and meeting dates and venues coincide to facilitate this. The County Council continues to be a member of the parking adjudication joint committee (PATROL) and it is proposed that the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee should continue to be

the Council's nominated representative on that committee as well as becoming the representative on the bus lane joint committee (BLASJC).

7. There is no fee for joining the committee but all operational costs, including payment of adjudicators, is met from a levy on each Penalty Charge Notice issued. This is currently £0.60 as set by the Joint Committee for the period ending 31 March 2014. The cost of participation will be covered by the income arising from Penalty Charges.

## **Other Options Considered**

8. As indicated above this is a requirement of the regulations governing bus lane enforcement and consequently there are no other options.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

9. To enable bus lane enforcement to be carried out.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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.

## Implications for Service Users

The adjudication service provides the means by which motorists may formally appeal against penalty charge notices issued for alleged contraventions and have their case considered by an independent adjudicator.

## **Financial Implications**

The business case indicates that enforcement will be self-financing within the first year.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

1) That the County Council becomes a member of the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee,

2) That the adjudication service costs be met from Penalty Charge Notice income,

3) That the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee continues to be the nominated representative member of the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee,

4) That the Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee be the nominated representative member of the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee,

5) That the Group Manager Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to enter into a s101 agreement for the provision of adjudication services.

## Councillor Richard Jackson

Chairman of the Transport and Highways Committee

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

## Peter Goode – Traffic Manager Tel: 0115 9774269

## Constitutional Comments (HD 3/04/13)

11. This decision falls within the authority of Full Council which is empowered to authorise participation in and nominations to Joint Committees.

## Financial Comments (TMR 3/04/13)

12. The financial implications are set out in the report

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 – SI 2005 No. 2757

Provisional guidance on bus lane (including tramway) enforcement in England outside London – Department for Transport November 2005 (revised February 2008)

The Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) Order 2010 – SI 2010 No. 99

The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (County of Nottinghamshire) Designation Order 2008 – SI 2008 No. 1086

Report to Transport and Highways Committee – 21 March 2012

Form of Agreement for a Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee

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

All

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## PATROL (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OUTSIDE LONDON) ADJUDICATION JOINT COMMITTEE & BUS LANE ADJUDICATION SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE

## **Briefing Note for New Council Representatives**

## 1. Introduction to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal

## The Traffic Penalty Tribunal is an independent tribunal where impartial lawyers consider appeals by motorists and vehicle owners whose vehicles have been issued with:

- Penalty Charge Notices (or have been removed or clamped) by councils in England and Wales enforcing parking under the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- Penalty Charge Notices by councils in England undertaking civil bus lane enforcement under The Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations (2005 SI No 2757).

## The principal objective of the Traffic Penalty Tribunal is to provide independent, impartial and well considered decisions based on fact and law in a way that is user-focused, efficient, timely, helpful and readily accessible.

The Traffic Penalty Tribunal has its headquarters in Manchester but operates across England (outside London) and Wales with its Adjudicators and Hearing Centre Supervisors working remotely and from hearing venues in over 60 locations. The Traffic Penalty Tribunal deals with some 18,000 plus appeals per annum and has 23 Adjudicators including a Chief Adjudicator, 20 Hearing Centre Supervisors and twenty-two staff.

## It is the Adjudicator's function to independently decide the appeals and issue any directions required for the management of appeals.

The Traffic Penalty Tribunal comes under the supervision of the Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council which has established a Framework of Standards for Tribunals which states that tribunals should:

- Be independent
- Provide open, fair and impartial hearings
- Be accessible to users
- Focus on the needs of users
- Offer cost effective procedures
- Be properly resourced and organised
- Work with first tier decision makers to improve the "end to end" experience for the user.

Both parties, Councils and Appellants, have a right to a personal hearing, but alternatively may agree to have a telephone or postal hearing.

Technology is central to the whole operation with adjudicators accessing the tribunal's case management system remotely. The Tribunal actively encourages parties to correspond with the tribunal electronically and is also actively encouraging councils to provide the facility for appellants to appeal on line.

## For more information

For more information about The Traffic Penalty Tribunal, members are requested to:

- Visit the tribunal's web site at <u>www.trafficpenaltytribunal.gov.uk</u>.
- Refer to the Adjudicators Annual Report available through the web site.
- Contact the Head of Service who will be pleased to provide additional information or arrange a visit to the Manchester offices.
- Members are welcome to participate in any tribunal events e.g. council induction events or council user groups.

## 2. Background to the Joint Committees

The PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee, formerly the National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee, has been established to enable Councils having Civil Enforcement Area Orders to exercise their functions under Section 81 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and Regulations 17 and 18 of the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007. These functions are exercised jointly with the other councils in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 16 of the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007.

The functions exercised by the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee on behalf of its constituent councils are appointing independent adjudicators to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal (subject to the consent of the Lord Chancellor), providing these adjudicators with administrative staff and accommodation and providing hearing venues. **Its remit in relation to the Tribunal is limited to these matters**. The Joint Committee also undertakes such other associated functions as the Participating Authorities may lawfully arrange Joint Committee to perform as they from time to time consider appropriate.

The Agreement that regulates the setting up of the Joint Committee provides for one Representative for each constituent Council. Members of the Joint Committee need not be an "Executive Member" of their Council, but this is a matter for each Council to decide. If the nominated Representative cannot attend the meeting, provision is made for a named substitute to attend in his/her place.

In 2006 with the introduction of civil bus lane enforcement, it was agreed that there would be an integrated tribunal for parking and bus lane enforcement. However, there must be a separate Joint Committee, the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee until such time as both areas of enforcement are governed by the same legislation i.e. the Traffic Management Act 2004. Where councils enforce bus lanes, they are required to become a member of the Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee.

## 3. Role of Joint Committee Members

The role of Members of the Joint Committee is to oversee the functions of The Traffic Penalty Tribunal as an Independent Tribunal.

There is not a role as such in respect of the parking/bus lane enforcement activities of the Local Authority they represent on the Joint Committee nor do members have the remit to discuss or influence Adjudicator decisions. The independence and integrity of the tribunal is paramount.

Typically agenda items will include:

- Appointment of adjudicators
- New member councils
- Budgets

- Budget monitoring
- Governance Matters
- Service Charges to user councils
- General progress and service standards
- Establishment of Sub Committees and Advisory Board.
- Other relevant items of interest to the Joint Committee in exercising its duties

Members elect a Chair, Vice Chair and in the case of the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee, an Assistant Chair. Meetings are attended by the Chair of the Advisory Board, the Chief Adjudicator and Head of Service.

The Head of Service presents reports to the Joint Committee meetings on behalf of the Lead Officer in relation to administrative matters and the Chief Adjudicator presents on judicial matters, administrative responsibilities delegated to her within the scheme of delegation and the Annual Report of the Adjudicators.

## 4. Joint Committee Primary Objectives

The agreed primary objectives of the Joint Committees are the provision of:

- a) A fair adjudication service for Appellants including visible independence of adjudicators from the authorities in whose areas they are working.
- b) Consistency in access to adjudication.
- c) A cost effective and equitable adjudication service for all Parking Authorities and Bus Lane authorities in England and Wales.
- d) Flexibility to deal with a wide range of local authorities with varying levels of demand for adjudication.

In addition, the Joint Committee oversees any agreed PATROL initiatives e.g. commissioning Independent Reviews and the provision of public information.

## 5. Joint Committee Meetings

The annual meeting of the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee takes place in June each year in the Birmingham area.

In addition the Joint Committee has established an Executive Sub Committee which meets twice a year in January and September, again in the Birmingham area. Where possible, Bus Lane Adjudication Joint Committee meeting are scheduled to coincide with the January, June and September meetings.

The PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee has also established an Executive Sub Committee (Wales) with specific reference to matters arising from the separate regulations for the civil enforcement of parking in England and Wales.

Members are encouraged to attend in order to broaden their appreciation of the functions of the Joint Committee. In addition to local authority councillors and officers, the Joint Committee meetings are attended by the Chief Adjudicator, Chair of the Advisory Board and Head of Service. Local authority officers are also welcome to attend.

Notices and papers in respect of Joint Committee meetings are issued by the Lead Authority. Please note that, in the interests of efficiency, papers will only be issued to councillors who have confirmed that they wish to attend.

In addition, prior to each meeting Democratic Services Departments within each member authority will be notified of the publication of papers and provided with a link to a web version for reference purposes. Papers for the meetings are posted on the PATROL web site.

http://cpapers.patrol-uk.info/

Any queries in relation to meetings can be addressed to the Head of Service.

## 6. Lead Authority and Lead Officer Role

Because the Joint Committees have no corporate status and cannot therefore contract, one of the constituent Councils has been appointed Lead Authority to enable goods and services to be provided on behalf of the Joint Committees. The responsibilities of the Lead Authority are set out in the Joint Committee's agreement and within the Scheme of Delegation. Initially Manchester has been appointed the Lead Authority.

The Joint Committees have delegated decision making in relation to the majority of day to day matters to a "Lead Officer" (initially the Lead Officer is the Chief Executive of Manchester) or to the Chief Parking Adjudicator/Bus Lane Adjudicator, depending on the subject matter. For the most part the Head of Service of Joint Committee Services acts on behalf of the "Lead Officer".

Except in the case of urgent business, the Lead Officer, in exercising the functions delegated to him, is required to consult with an officer working party (the Advisory Board) comprising the Lead Officer plus up to eleven people, including: seven representatives of local authorities with at least one representing: an English Authority; a Welsh Authority; a District Council; a County Council; a Unitary or Metropolitan Council and a bus lane enforcement council. Representatives of the Department for Transport and National Assembly for Wales have been appointed members of the Advisory Board. There are also two other representatives, a lay member with tribunal experience, and a representative from a motoring organisation. The Advisory Board will have considered all papers being recommended to the Joint Committee.

## 7. Joint Committee Agreement

The form of the PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee and Bus Lane Adjudication Service Joint Committee Agreements, the articles by which local authorities becomes a member of the Joint Committee, has been the subject of detailed negotiations between the initial parties. Their final form has been approved by leading Counsel. For this reason it is requested that joining councils do not seek to make changes to the terms of the Agreements.

Whilst the Agreements provide for the terms on which the Joint Committees are to operate, including making provision for the joining of new members and for the appointment of a Lead Authority, they do not set out in detail the amount of contributions required from member councils. These contributions are decided by the Joint Committee and are set at a level which should not be prohibitive to any council wishing to join the Joint Committee. These charges will be reviewed annually by the Joint Committees at their January meetings.

## 8. Public Information

The Joint Committee has approved the provision of common public information on civil enforcement on behalf of local authorities. A public information web site is in operation at <u>www.patrol-uk.info</u>. Information about the web site can be sought from Miles Wallace on 0161 242 5290 or <u>mwallace@patrol-uk.info</u>.

#### 9. Feedback

I trust that this briefing note has been useful. If you have any comments on how this might be improved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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June 2012



**Report to Full Council** 

25<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Agenda Item:10

## JOINT REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

## **ROLLS ROYCE SITE HUCKNALL**

## **Purpose of the Report**

- 1. The purpose of this report is as follows :
  - (a) To amend the current agreement in relation to the construction of a new access site to the Rolls Royce site at Hucknall;
  - (b) To agree the consequential necessary changes to the Capital Programme in accordance with Financial Regulations;
  - (c) To give retrospective approval to a funding bid submitted to government for Pinch Point resources.

## Information and Advice

- 2. Since 2007, Rolls Royce has been working on the development of their Hucknall site. The aim of the development is to create new jobs on the site with an estimated 2,000 new jobs being created. In addition to developing a new business park, it is also intended that 32 hectares of the site will be used for housing development. Whilst access to the housing land is available through existing routes (subject to appropriate enhancement) a new access to the proposed business park is required from the A611.
- 3. On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Finance and Property Committee approved an option agreement with Rolls Royce. The agreement allowed Rolls Royce to purchase land from the Council to facilitate the construction of a new access road to the proposed business park.
- 4. Rolls Royce is working with its development partner, Muse Developments, to ensure a comprehensive development of the site which in addition to the business park and housing development referred to above will also include community facilities, a local retail area, a public house, a primary school and a 50 bed care home.
- Since the decision of Finance and Property committee last October, applications for Regional Growth Funding (RGF) and Growing Places Funding (GPF) have been made. Whilst the GPF bid was successful the RGF bid was not and this has resulted in this major development being placed at risk.
- 6. Following discussions with Rolls Royce it is proposed that in order to ensure the development can proceed, the option agreement approved by Finance and Property Committee be amended. It is suggested that this Council undertakes the required access

construction works itself and that only in the event of the Council not undertaking the work within an agreed timescale will Rolls Royce exercise its rights under the agreement.

- 7. The position in regard to the development of the site remains exactly as it was when Finance and Property Committee considered the matter last October. The suggested amendment to the agreement is to ensure that the development can proceed in light of the failure to secure RGF monies.
- 8. The proposed construction for access to the site will not only provide access but will ensure the minimum disruption and nuisance to the surrounding area. The construction will include a new roundabout on the A611 by pass and an access road to serve the business park. The roundabout will initially be a 3 arm roundabout but a 4<sup>th</sup> arm will be added at a future date to service land owned by the County Council to the east of the by pass.
- 9. The cost of construction is estimated at £3.154M. A bid has been submitted to Central Government under its Pinch Point Programme seeking a contribution of £2.2M towards this cost. The bid was submitted at the end of February to comply with Department of Transport requirements. It is hoped that this bid will be successful given the number of new jobs predicted to be created by the development. A decision is expected towards the end of May. Assuming the bid is successful the Council will need to make £954,000 available to meet the shortfall.
- 10. It should be noted that the construction of the roundabout, in particular the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> arm, will increase both the commercial value of and the practical facilitation of access to the Council's adjoining land.
- 11. As a decision is still awaited regarding Pinch point funding it is necessary to increase the Capital Programme by £3.154M in order to proceed with this proposal.

## **State Aid Considerations**

- 12. State Aid implications have been considered and the Council's external legal advisor has concluded that there are no State Aid issues arising on the basis that :
  - the road and roundabout would be constructed entirely upon land owned by both the City and County Councils;
  - the roundabout on the A611 benefits the potential development of Council-owned land to the east;
  - the road is proposed to help support the wider traffic management issues;
  - A commercial test has been deployed via the agreements between Rolls Royce, Muse and the two Councils concerned.
- 13. The GPF funding is the subject of separate but related guidance on State Aids via the Accountable Body for the D2N2 LEP. To date, the initial advice via due diligence confirms that the funding does not constitute State Aid.

## Conclusion

14. The employment potential for the business park once developed looks to be significant at 2,000 jobs and at 2008 figures, the estimated additional economic contribution as defined

by GVA may be as much as £143Million. The potential business rates uplift also merits reference. Assuming a phased development but excluding both existing and proposed the Rolls Royce factories, it is suggested that the total business rate take will be in the region of £16Million over a 25 year period.

- 15. Should the County Council be minded to agree the recommendation, it is proposed that it be subject to :
  - Rolls Royce / Muse Developments securing all required planning permissions;
  - the successful conclusion of a Section 106 Agreement;
  - an agreement to the amendments to the heads of terms for the existing Option Agreement between the parties and
  - The securing of GPF resources via the D2N2 LEP.

## **Other Options Considered**

16. The Committee could decide not to support this proposal, with the subsequent implications as referenced within the report.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

17. The report reflects on the reasons for making this recommendation and the associated conditions to be applied,

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. 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 in the report.

## **Financial Implications**

- 19. As set out in paragraph 11, the current estimated cost of installing the necessary highways infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site is £3.154M. A bid for Government (Pinch Point) funding has been submitted, which if successful would lever in £2.2M towards the project cost. This would leave a balance of £954,000, which would fall on the County Council's capital resources. The Council does have a capital contingency but for 2013/14 this is only £829,000, and there are other pressing calls on the Council's capital programme. As such there may need to be a re-prioritisation of the programme, or the Council may have to consider increasing its estimated level of borrowing, if this scheme is to be funded. The level of re-prioritisation or increased borrowing will clearly be determined by the success or otherwise of the bid for Pinch Point funding.
- 20. It is important to recognise however, that if the development were to go ahead, it would have positive implications for the Council in terms of both council tax and business rate income growth that could to some degree offset any additional capital financing costs that may arise as a result of additional borrowing.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 21. Subject to the other conditions referenced in paragraph 15 above, it is recommended that:
  - (a) the Council's Capital Programme is increased by £3.154M;
  - (b) the submission of the bid under the Government's Pinch Point Programme be approved;
  - (c) all further highway engineering design work be carried out and delivered by the County Council's Highway Programme Design and Delivery Group in partnership with the Midlands Highways Alliance;
  - (d) a further report be brought to Finance and Property Committee in 2 months reporting progress on this proposal.

## Joint Report of the Chairman of Finance and Property Committee and the Chairman of Transport and Highways Committee

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Geoff George – Senior Economic Development officer Tel: 0115 9772046

## **Constitutional Comments**

22. This decision falls within the terms of reference for approval by Full Council. [SSR 15.4.2013]

## **Financial Comments**

23. The financial implications are stated within the report. [NS 15.4.2013]

## **Background Papers**

Report to Finance and Property Committee 15th October 2012

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

Hucknall