

COUNCIL CABINET MINUTE EXTRACT 20 FEBRUARY 2013

Present Councillor Bayliss (Chair)
 Councillors Banwait (item 152/12 onwards), Dhindsa, Repton,
 Russell and Shanker

In attendance Councillors Hickson and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 22 February 2013. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

151/12 D2N2 Local Transport Body – Proposed Governance Framework

The Council Cabinet considered a report on D2N2 Local Transport Body – Proposed Governance Framework. The purpose of the report was to

- advise Council Cabinet of the latest position on the devolution of decision-making and funding for local major transport schemes including the establishment of a Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Local Transport Body, governed by a board of elected members
- to seek approval of council representation on the D2N2 Local Transport Body, proposed to be called the D2N2 Local Transport Board
- to seek delegated authority for the approval of the D2N2 Local Transport Body Assurance Framework at the first meeting of the D2N2 Local Transport Board prior to submission to Government.

In November 2012 the Department for Transport (DfT) announced its firm intention to devolve funding for local major transport schemes to Local Transport Bodies. This was for major scheme funding over the next spending review period 2015-2019 and beyond. The Department had proposed that local authorities establish these based on the same geography as local enterprise partnerships. Local Transport Bodies would be responsible for allocating future funding for major schemes. DfT would shift its focus to scrutinising the governance arrangements of local transport bodies against centrally specified standards.

The Department wanted Local Transport Bodies to establish governance systems and effective processes for identifying local major scheme transport priorities. All prospective local transport bodies had to submit an Assurance Framework by the end of February 2013.

The D2N2 Infrastructure Group, comprising the directors with responsibility for strategic transport for the four constituent authorities, recommended that the Local

Transport Body was governed by a board, to be named the 'D2N2 Local Transport Board' (D2N2 LTB), comprising voting members and advisory members.

Officers of the D2N2 Infrastructure Group had progressed the development of the Assurance Framework, including prioritisation processes and programme management and assurance. An early meeting of the D2N2 LTB would be required in order to approve the Assurance Framework to be submitted to Government before the end of February.

Once the Assurance Framework was signed off by the DfT, individual authorities, guided by the framework, would need to submit a small number of potential local major transport schemes to the D2N2 LTB. This process needed to be completed by the 31 March 2013. D2N2 LTB would prioritise the local major schemes and submit details of the prioritised schemes to Government by the end of July 2013.

Options Considered

None.

Decision

- 1. To recommend to Council that the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection be appointed to the D2N2 Local Transport Board.**
- 2. To recommend to Council that the Leader of the Council be nominally appointed as the council's second representative on the D2N2 Local Transport Board with authorisation to appoint an alternative member to attend as required.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods following consultation with Derby's elected D2N2 Local Transport Board members to agree the Assurance Framework prior to submission to Government, and for this position to be represented by the elected members to the first meeting of the D2N2 LTB.**

Reasons

1. In order to promote and safeguard Derby City Council's local major transport scheme interests it was recommended that Derby was directly represented on the Local Transport Board by two elected members.
2. Derby City Council, through representation on the D2N2 Local Transport Board, would in part be held accountable for any financial decisions that were taken by the Local Transport Body on the prioritisation and allocation of future major scheme funding. As such, the Governance arrangements needed to be understood and endorsed by the City Council.

3. The operational detail of the Assurance Framework would be approved at the first meeting of the elected D2N2 Local Transport Board for submission to Government by the end of February 2013

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