

ITEM 4

Time commenced	6.00 pm
Time finished	8.35 pm

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 10 MARCH 2009

Present: Councillors Poulter (Chair),
Banwait, Batey, Harwood, Holmes, Lowe and Repton.

In attendance: Councillor Care

66/08 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

67/08 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit a minute extract from Council on 2 March 2009 showing changes to the Revenue Budget proposals of the Council Cabinet on the grounds that it would assist the Commission in its consideration of minute 72/08 below.

68/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

69/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

70/08 Call-In

There were no items for call-in.

Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

71/08 Revenue Budget – Proposed Removal of Discretionary Home to School Transport

The Commission considered a report on the proposal to withdraw discretionary transport to mainstream schools. It was proposed that formal consultation start on 16 March 2009 to allow six weeks of term time consultation. A report on the outcome of the consultation would be presented to Council Cabinet in due course.

Resolved to reiterate recommendation 1 of the Commission's recommendations on the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10 that:

- **The Commission has major concerns about the consequences of the proposed removal of discretionary home to school transport and**
- **Will not be agreeable to the proposal without a full impact assessment being provided and unless proper consultation is undertaken with those potentially affected**

and that this be relayed to the Individual Cabinet Member meeting to be held on 16 March 2009.

72/08 Revenue Budget – Other Recommendations

The Commission considered a report extract setting out the response of the Council Cabinet to recommendations 2 to 4 on the Revenue Budget. In all three cases Council Cabinet had agreed to the Commission's recommendations. In addition a minute extract from Council on 2 March 2009 showed, the amendments made to the budget by Council on 2 March 2009. The areas which affected the portfolio of the Commission were Reduction from Public Realm (£200,000), Retention of DCT Services, Providing Powers to Neighbourhood Boards for highways projects and an additional post to support the highways projects.

Resolved to welcome the retention of the DCT services.

Items for Discussion

73/08 The 2009/10 Highways and Transport Work Programme

The Commission considered a report the proposed programme for highways and transport work for 2009/10. Members of the Commission made the following comments:

- Duffield Road cycling improvements – need to consult Ward Members before any decision is taken.
- Members should be informed of the outcome of the audit of cycling facilities and what the resulting proposals are.
- Neighbourhood Boards should be informed about which priorities were accepted and which were not.
- The Commission and Neighbourhood Boards should have early notice of any in year significant variations.
- An updated position statement would be required in due course.

In the interest of time it was also agreed that further points could be put by Members of the Commission to the Assistant Director – Highways and Transport, the answers to which may lead to additional representations to Council Cabinet on behalf of the Commission by the Chair.

Resolved to refer the Commission's comments to Council Cabinet.

Performance Monitoring

74/08 Quarter 3 Data for Local Area Agreement Targets NI47 and NI178

The Commission considered a report on the background and target setting regarding the two indicators included in Derby's Local Area Agreement that related to the Commission and the quarterly data and commentaries.

Resolved to note the report.

Items for Discussion

75/08 Feasibility of a New Direct Bus Service to the City Hospital from Alvaston, Allenton and Normanton

The Commission considered a report previously received by the Scrutiny Management Commission Petitions Sub Commission on a petition which had been received requesting the introduction of a new direct bus service from Alvaston, Allenton and Normanton to the City Hospital. In an oral update it was reported that from 6 April 2009 from 6.30am to 8.00pm an improved H1 bus service would run at ten minute intervals on weekdays and Saturdays from the old DRI site to the new hospital. This was to be half funded by the hospital and half funded by Trent Barton. Regarding the potential for the Alvaston, Allenton and Normanton proposal, there was now also the possibility of a Kickstart bid for some funding from the DfT for three years but the service would need to become commercially viable during the 3 year period in order to continue.

Resolved to note the report.

76/08 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

77/08 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items were identified.

78/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed