

Time began 6.00pm
Time ended 8.15pm

COUNCIL CABINET 16 FEBRUARY 2010

Present: Councillor Jones (Chair)

Councillors Allen, Care, Carr, Naitta, Skelton and Troup

In attendance: Councillors Dhindsa and Jennings

Key Decisions

169/09 2010/2011 Highways and Transport Work Programme

The Council Cabinet considered a report on 2010/2011 Highways and Transport Work Programme. The report sets out the 2010/11 proposed Highways and Transport Work Programme for approval. The programme had been developed following consultation with Members, Neighbourhood Boards, transport related consultation forums and other key stakeholders. The programme covered both revenue and capital funded projects but specifically sets out in more detail the capital works. There were also specific recommendations to pass-port Road Safety Grant funding to the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership, DDRSP, to address casualty reduction as part of the Local Area Agreement. There was also a specific recommendation to approve s106 spend as part of the 10/11 programme of works.

Options Considered

The development of the programme had involved consideration of various options for the inclusion of projects within the proposed programme. The draft programme recommended was considered to best fit the objectives of the LTP, the Local Area Agreement priorities, the local priorities of Members and Neighbourhood Boards and feedback from Government Office.

Decision

1. To approve the apportionment of LTP capital funding across strategy areas and the 2010/11 Highways and Transport Programme, for both capital and revenue funded schemes, detailed in Table 1.2 and appendix 2 of the report, respectively.
2. To approve the s106 spend programme for 2010/11 as detailed in appendix 2 of the report.

3. To approve the pass-porting of the Road Safety Grant, both revenue and capital, to the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership, to continue the partnership initiatives towards casualty reduction, subject to any funding approval processes required as part of the delivery of the Local Area Agreement.

4. To continue to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Community, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, to review the progress of schemes within strategy areas, respond to changing priorities throughout the year, potentially introduce new schemes or bring forward the implementation of some schemes at the expense of others and where necessary, reallocate funding between the strategy areas, subject to the approved limits set in the financial implications, appendix 1 of the report.

5. To continue approval for the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Community, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, to delegate further decision making to officers as appropriate subject to delegated financial limits as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

6. To note that from the 1 May 2010 the delegations in recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 of the report would be transferred to the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods.

7. To note the development work, including a review of our long term transport strategy required in the 10/11 programme in preparation for the production and publication of LTP3 and the intention of presenting a consultation draft LTP3 to Cabinet for approval in the Autumn 2010 and - the final LTP3 for approval in March 2011.

Reasons

1. Approval of the work programme, including the approval to pass-port the Road Safety Grant to the DDRSP and approval of the s106 programme before the start of the 2010/11 financial year would allow flexibility to prioritise work and enable detailed design to commence, with the objective of ensuring that highways and transport schemes and initiatives were delivered in the best possible way and achieve value for money. The approval of the work programme would enable us to identify risks to the delivery of schemes, for example, at strategic, corporate, programme or project levels. We would be able to review and monitor to ensure risks do not escalate and where possible, were eliminated. This was in line with our risk register as set out in LTP2 for the delivery of schemes and achievement of targets.

2. Within the programme, a number of issues had been included for investigation in 2010/11. As specific measures and solutions were identified during the course of the year it was appropriate for the Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, to review the programme and to re-allocate funding, on the basis of revising priorities and reviewing progress on other schemes.

Any revisions to the programme must still reflect the objectives and the implementation programme set out in LTP2.

3. Delegation from the Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport to appropriate officers would enable them to respond quickly to small scale amendments within specific strategy areas to ensure that the measures being delivered were the most appropriate solution to achieve the desired outcomes rather than proposals that may have been agreed many months in advance. This would help ensure effective programme delivery. Progress on delivery and all changes would be reported to the Highways and Transport Board.