

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor M Lock on 27 January 2009 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillors Martin and Shing spoke on item 4 (see minute 78)
Councillor Daniel spoke on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 (see minutes 78, 79, 80 and 81)
Councillor Kramer spoke on items 5 and 6 (see minutes 79 and 80)
Councillor Waite spoke on item 6 (see minute 80)
Councillors Ensor and Field spoke on item 7 (see minute 81)

75. **MINUTES**

75.1 Councillor Lock approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2008.

76. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

76.1 Councillor Lock declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 (Petition requesting improvements to the Sussex Arms Junction, Hastings) and agenda item 6 (Destination Stade Improvements Scheme) as a Hastings Borough Council Cabinet Member and agenda item 7 (Rother District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy) because of the work of Hastings Borough Council with Rother District Council on the Rother Local Development Framework.

76.2 Councillor Martin declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 (Petition seeking safety improvements at the junction of Station Road and Western Road, Polegate) as a local Member for Polegate.

76.3 Councillors Daniel, Kramer and Waite declared personal and non-prejudicial interests in agenda item 5 (Petition requesting improvements to the Sussex Arms Junction, Hastings) and agenda item 6 (Destination Stade Improvements Scheme) as Hastings Borough Councillors and also agenda item 7 (Rother District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy) because of the work of Hastings Borough Council with Rother District Council on the Rother Local Development Framework.

76.4 Councillor Ensor declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Rother District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy) as a Rother District Councillor.

77. **REPORTS**

77.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

78. **PETITION SEEKING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF STATION ROAD AND WESTERN AVENUE, POLEGATE**

78.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs R Battles addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

78.2 To (1) advise the petitioners that, based on its recent crash record, this junction is not a priority at present, but the situation will continue to be monitored;

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to (a) expedite the installation of double yellow lines at the eastern end of the east build-out; (b) investigate the possibility of widening the junction by realigning the kerb on the west side to ease turning movements for vehicles entering Western Avenue and also the provision of a loading bay immediately to the east of the build-out outside number 79 Station Road; and

(3) request the Director of Transport and Environment to report back to the Lead Member in due course on the outcomes of the crash record monitoring and the effects of the measures outlined in (2) above.

Reason

78.3 Although the concerns of the petitioners are noted, the issues they have raised are currently not giving rise to injury crashes and, therefore, it is difficult to justify prioritising improvements over other schemes at the present time. The crash record will be monitored for a further 12 month period and consideration will be given to improvements if a problem is identified.

79. PETITIONS REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUSSEX ARMS JUNCTION

79.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

DECISION

79.2 To advise the petitioners that in Hastings the signalisation of the A259 Old London Road/Priory Road/Frederick Road Junction as part of the Seaspaces promoted Ore Valley Millennium Community Project will commence in February 2009.

Reason

79.3 The signalisation of the Sussex Arms Junction will improve the safety for all road users, in particular pedestrians at this busy junction. The Scheme is being promoted by Seaspaces to facilitate the development of the Ore Valley Millennium Community as part of the wider regeneration package for the town. Therefore, in this instance, the onus is on the developer, Seaspaces, rather than the County Council to fund the implementation of the Scheme to enable the development to take place.

80. DESTINATION STADE IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME, HASTINGS

80.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment together with a letter of representation submitted by solicitors acting on behalf of Mr Jonathan Coe. Mr R Edwards addressed the Lead Member on behalf of

the petitioners and, at the invitation of the Lead Member, Councillor Beaver of Hastings Borough Council, also addressed him.

80.2 Councillor Lock thanked the officers for the excellent consultation process that had been carried out on this Scheme and noted that the proposals already addressed

the interests of cyclists and the problems caused by anti-social driving and that these would be considered further in the detailed design.

DECISIONS

80.3 To (1) approve the proposed Destination Stade Transport Improvements, as outlined in Section 3.3 of the report, subject to minor modifications identified through the consultation process and that may be found necessary at the detailed design stage;

(2) authorise the progression of the amended elements of the proposals through detailed design for construction in 2009/10 and 2010/11, subject to the availability of funding; and

(3) advise the petitioners that, following the outcomes of the consultation, it is proposed not to proceed with any of the options for the coach turning to the north of the A259/Harold Road junction.

Reason

80.4 The Destination Stade Transport Improvements Scheme will improve the safety for all road users, in particular pedestrians, and enhance the urban environment at the A259/Rock-a-Nore junction. In addition, the relocation of coach parking in Hastings will enable the proposed Destination Stade and Jerwood Art Gallery to progress.

81. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY: CONSULTATION ON STRATEGY DIRECTIONS

81.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. He noted that the second sentence in paragraph 36 of Appendix 1 should be deleted.

DECISIONS

81.2 To (1) agree the issues set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report and its appendix as the basis for the County Council's response to the consultation document;

(2) offer to work with Rother District Council, particularly on the key issues of transport, housing delivery, infrastructure and waste, in helping to refine their core strategy for submission; and

(3) authorise the Director of Transport and Environment to expand upon and add to this response as necessary to safeguard the strategic interests of the County Council.

Reason

81.3 The publication of this draft core strategy is a key step in providing an up to date planning framework for Rother District looking towards 2026. However, further detailed work is required to refine the core strategy prior to its adoption and to inform subsequent development plan documents (DPD), such as the Housing Allocations DPD. The County Council welcomes the opportunity to continue to work collaboratively with the District Council as it refines the core strategy and prepares its DPDs.