

Minutes

Essex County Council with Brentwood Borough Council Local Highways Panel (LHP)

23 September 2014

Membership/Attendance

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| * Cllr Kendall (ECC) (Chair) | * Cllr Hirst (ECC) |
| * Cllr Aspinell (ECC) | * Cllr Dr Naylor |
| * Cllr Baker (BBC) | * Cllr Parker (BBC) |
| * Cllr Cloke (BBC) | |

*present

Apologies

Cllr Mrs Cohen
Cllr Morrissey

ECC Cllr Howard

Also Present

Cllr Clark

Officers Present

Mark Robinson – Senior Transport and Strategy Engagement Manager
Jean Sharp – Governance and Member Support Officer (BBC)
Kim Shenton – Highways Liaison Officer (ECC)
Peter Wright – Design and Consultancy Manager (ECC)
Will Young - Transport Planner, Essex Highways

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Kendall welcomed all present to the meeting and advised that Cllr Clark was taking Cllr Mrs Cohen's place on the Panel for this meeting but had no voting rights.

2. Declarations of interest

None were received.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs Cohen and Morrissey, also from Essex County Councillor Howard.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 17 June 2014 were approved as a true record.

5. Member and Public Questions

None had been received.

6. Brentwood Cycle Strategy Presentation

Will Young, Transport Planner from Essex Highways, gave a presentation regarding the draft Cycle Strategy which would subsequently be circulated to LHP members and to the press and public if required.

The Chair thanked Mr Young for his presentation and MOVED and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that:

1. A Task and Finish Group be set up comprising one Accord Member, one opposition Member and ECC officers which would consider the draft Cycle Strategy, taking into account LHP Members' comments.

2. A report would be made on the outcome of the Task and Finish Group at the 15 December 2014 LHP meeting.

7. Funding Update

ECC Officers advised that almost all of the capital budget for 2014/15 and all but £17,000 of the revenue budget for 2014/15 had been allocated. There were proposals to spend most of the remaining revenue funds later in the meeting.

The Chair requested that firm figures on the 2014/15 funding allocation be provided at the December 2014 LHP meeting and that in future underspends and overspends on completed schemes be detailed.

8. Update on Schemes Approved – Report 1

Members received a list of schemes approved in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 indicating what stage had been reached with each or if they had been completed or cancelled. Separate detailed reports were provided as follows:

- A feasibility study/design for Ashwells Road and junction with A128 Ongar Road and Mores Lane; Members were advised that Phases 1 and 2 designs were

almost complete and that details of Phase 2 would be reported at the December meeting. The Chair advised a useful site meeting had taken place including Ward members, the head teacher and parents of St Pauls, Bentley, School.

- Upgrade of the area around Brentwood Station; An ECC officer gave a presentation on the proposals for this area which the Chair requested should be circulated to LHP members with timescales where possible. Members noted that urgent works to railings, resurfacing and re-lining were to be carried out. Cllr Kendall requested provision of disabled parking bays adjacent to the taxi rank be addressed as soon as possible and was advised this was included on the list of potential schemes.

ECC officers were requested to investigate a potential funding stream from TFL for station improvements.

- Feasibility Study of Great Ropers Lane for possible speed control measures for the Lane past the school. A meeting had taken place with the head teacher, parents and officers when options were discussed. Designs were being finalised and a report would be made at the December LHP meeting.
- Detailed design for Eagle Way junction with Hartswood Road (Devils Head crossroads) and detailed design for Sandpit Lane junction with Ongar Road: the proposed feasibility studies had been delayed due to work on the Great Ropers Lane and Brentwood Station schemes.

The Chair requested Members to advise ECC officers if they were aware of any schemes omitted from the list.

In relation to issues raised under Any Other Business at the 23.9.14 LHP meeting Members were advised that the Environment Agency was investigating the situation in Clapgates, Stondon Massey; updates had been given to Cllrs Mrs Cohen regarding phasing of traffic lights at Tabors Corner and Cllr Aspinell regarding duplicate street lights at Geary Drive.

Members were advised that a pedestrian crossing in Ongar Road approved several years ago was to be installed in 6-8 weeks' time.

9. Potential Schemes – Report 2

Members were advised that since all capital funding had been committed, the schemes listed could not be considered for funding in 2014/15 but sufficient budget remained for the proposed revenue schemes to be progressed.

Capital Schemes

1. The Drive, Warley, outside Mayflower House – possibility of zebra crossing to be investigated: validation was awaited and a site visit was to be undertaken by an engineer.

2. A128 Ongar Road, Kelvedon Hatch near to the junction with Crown Road - to investigate speed calming measures on this stretch of road. An engineer would visit to re-evaluate.

3. Middleton Hall Lane, Brentwood – to investigate existing additional signage and location of existing zebra crossing. The crossing had been repainted and a speed/volume survey had been requested. Validation was awaited. Cllr Aspinell advised that a pelican crossing to replace the zebra crossing had been requested for safety reasons and Brentwood School was prepared to contribute towards the cost of this.

Cllr Kendall advised that the ECC Highways portfolio holder – Cllr Bass - had advised that new school crossing patrols would fall within the remit of LHP and this would be reported to the December meeting

4. Alexandra Road, Brentwood Station – four disabled parking bays to be installed replacing existing parking spaces. Validation was awaited.

Revenue Schemes

The following schemes were approved by the Panel:

1. Moores Place, Brentwood – traffic calming measures to be investigated – speed survey agreed: £240
2. Brentwood High Street – speed/volume surveys (2) agreed – near the police station and High Street/London Road: £420
3. Little Warley Hall Lane – speed survey agreed, supported by Cllr Kendall and petition: £210
(Cllr Aspinell declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of a family member riding their horse in the area)
4. Shenfield Road, Shenfield – speed/volume surveys (2) agreed – at Mill Hill and Glantham Lodge.
5. Various Brentwood sites – cost of speed surveys agreed – locations to be identified in future: £840
6. Pemberton Avenue, Ingatestone – outside Ingatestone and Fryerning Primary School – inconsiderate parking leading to hazard for pedestrians. Possibility of crossing to be investigated: £890.

10. Casualty Reduction

An ECC officer circulated details of Casualty Reduction sites in Brentwood at:

1. Weald Road Junction with Weald Park Way
2. Hartwood Road, between Eagle Way and Eleanor Way
3. A127 Southend bound track at junction with Childerditch Lane

4. A128 Westbound off-slip to the A128 roundabout
5. A128 roundabout onslip to A127

Members were advised that £16,000 had already been allocated to progress to detailed design 1,2, and 3 above but an additional £20,000 needed to be allocated to progress 4 and 5. There was the potential to over-allocate from the 2014/15 budget if the Panel approved. Cllr Kendall proposed to discuss 4 and 5 with Cllr Bass.

The Panel RESOLVED to move forward 1,2 and 3 above using the funds already allocated and that Cllr Kendall would discuss with Cllr Bass 4 and 5 above and school crossing patrols.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Aspinell reported that residents had requested a wooden bus shelter near the Rose and Crown in Ongar Road and a metal one had been installed. He suggested the metal shelter be moved to the other side of the road and a wooden shelter be installed as originally requested.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 15 December 2014 and dates for 2015 meetings were yet to be confirmed.
