

**MEETING OF THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**held 10 March 2011**

PRESENT: Councillors Shaffaq Mohammed (Chair), Roger Davison and  
Colin Ross

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1	<u>Apologies</u> Councillor Ian Auckland Councillor David Baker Councillor Penny Baker	<u>Substitute</u> None Councillor Roger Davison Councillor Colin Ross
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**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 February 2011 were approved as a correct record.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

4.1 There were no public questions or petitions submitted to the Committee.

**5. ITEMS CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY/REFERRED TO CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

5.1 There were no items referred to the Committee from Scrutiny.

**6. PETITIONS**

6.1 New Petitions

The Committee noted for information the receipt of petitions (a) containing 150 signatures from parents at Abbey Lane Primary School concerned about road safety implications connected with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and that this would be referred to the South Community Assembly to be considered as part of a review into the feasibility and implications of a wider ban on HGV's in the surrounding area and (b) containing 9 signatures objecting to highway works at the junction of Walkley Road and Bole Hill Road in connection with Forge Valley Community School and that this would be considered in relation to item 9 (Forge Valley Community School: Results of Public Consultation) on the agenda for today's meeting.

6.2 Outstanding Petitions List

The Committee received and noted a report of the Executive Director, Place setting out the position on outstanding petitions that were being investigated.

7. **EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORDS**

The following decision(s) were taken by the Cabinet

7.1 **AGENDA ITEM 9: FORGE VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL: RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

7.1.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report informing Members of representations received following public consultation on proposed works in the Walkley, Stannington, Wisewood and Malin Bridge areas, for the new Forge Valley Community School, together with Council officer responses and recommendations about the proposals.

7.1.2 Members heard representations from a local resident of Bankfield Road requesting that proposed double yellow lines were moved further down the road to allow him to park at his property and also that the possibility of residents parking on Bankfield Road be investigated.

7.1.3 In response, James Burdett (Traffic Management Engineer, Transport and Highways) commented that, following consultation, the double yellow lines would be moved further down Bankfield Road. The request for Permit Parking would be referred to the relevant Community Assembly for consideration.

7.1.4 Further representations were heard from Councillor Diane Leek, Chair of the Central Community Assembly. She thanked officers involved for all their hard work in responding to consultation and constructing the proposals. She also commented that she hoped that officers would give consideration to the introduction of a pedestrian crossing further up Stannington Road, as requested by a petition submitted to Council on 2 March 2011.

7.1.5 Councillor Colin Ross also reported the receipt of a letter from the Assistant Headteacher of Myers Grove School requesting a pedestrian crossing near the shops on Stannington Road to improve safety for the pupils at the school.

7.1.6 **DECISION TAKEN**

RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

(a) expresses its thanks to officers for the work undertaken and the flexibility shown in responding to the public consultation;

- (b) overrules the objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders as outlined in Appendices A to E in the report in the interests of road safety, and the Orders made in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- (c) approves the designs of the scheme, as shown in Appendices A to E in the report, and their construction on site;
- (d) requests that the proposed waiting restrictions on Stannington Road be re-investigated in Autumn 2011 and an ETRO be advertised if considered necessary;
- (e) resolves that the scheme, as outlined in Appendix G to the report, be dropped from the overall proposals;
- (f) requests that all objectors be informed of the decisions made;
- (g) requests that the lead petitioners on Stannington Road and Bole Hill Road be informed of the decisions made; and
- (h) resolves that the petitioners' request for a crossing of Stannington Road be considered by the Northern Community Assembly along with requirements for local parking and that an update be provided to a future meeting of the Committee on the Community Assembly response.

#### **7.1.7 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 7.1.7.1 The comprehensive public consultation in respect of the Forge Valley Community School Proposals helped to steer the Consultants' development of the Transport Assessments. That documentation was instrumental in defining the highway-related conditions on the planning consent. The measures which were developed for the Walkley, Stannington, Wisewood and Malin Bridge areas to address the relevant planning conditions had been further consulted upon throughout the immediate area. The recommendation relating to progression of the measures followed an indication of support from a majority of respondents. Additionally, revisions had been made to some of the proposals (where practicable) to address issues and concerns raised by respondents.

#### **7.1.8 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- 7.1.8.1 The Transport Assessments undertaken by external Consultants identified the mitigation measures which subsequently formed the basis of the relevant conditions to the planning consent granted for the Forge Valley Community School development.
- 7.1.8.2 Officers assessed each individual mitigation measure identified in the Transport Assessments to check that they were feasible, and also to consider if alternative options may be more suitable. In particular, attention was given to the effect of each scheme on local residents, to try and minimise any inconvenience that may be caused. All the proposals

presented to the public were subject to this process.

**7.1.9 ANY INTEREST DECLARED OR DISPENSATION GRANTED**

7.1.9.1 None

**7.1.10 REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION**

7.1.10.1 Not applicable

**7.1.11 RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

7.1.11.1 Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

**7.2 AGENDA ITEM 10: SHIREGREEN STREETSCENE IMPROVEMENTS STAGE 4**

7.2.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report setting out further highway improvement works associated with the Sanctuary Housing, Decent Homes Programme for Shiregreen, which had been developed by a working group involving Sanctuary together with the Council's Neighbourhood (Housing, Enterprise and Regeneration) and Transport and Highways Staff. Approval was sought for the design of Quadrant 4b and 4c of the Project, the final phases of the fourth and final Quadrant.

**7.2.2 DECISION TAKEN**

RESOLVED: That the Committee approves the roll out and improvements in roads, footpaths and public areas across the Shiregreen Estate.
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**7.2.3 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

7.2.3.1 To continue the roll out of the improvements in roads, footpaths and public areas across the Shiregreen Estate.

**7.2.4 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

7.2.4.1 None

**7.2.5 REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION**

7.2.5.1 Not Applicable.

**7.2.6 RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

7.2.6.1 Simon Green, Executive Director, Place.

**7.3 AGENDA ITEM 11: SMARTER CHOICES FOR TRAVEL TO SCHOOL STRATEGY**

7.3.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report providing an update on progress with the implementation of the City Council's Smarter Choices for Travel to School Strategy which was approved by Cabinet in June 2009, outlining future plans for work with schools to develop the Strategy and seeking approval for the way forward.

7.3.2 A revised report containing an amended recommendation was circulated for Members consideration.

7.3.3 **DECISION TAKEN**

RESOLVED: That the Committee

(a) welcomes the successes which had been achieved in promoting sustainable school travel in the City;

(b) supports undertaking sustainable school travel activity in 2011/12 in accordance with the scenario outlined in paragraphs 4.27 to 4.30 of the report; and

(c) requests that officers seek alternative sources of funding to continue to develop the strategic projects and the services required to implement them, including encouraging the Community Assemblies to address the issues of illegal parking and congestion around school entrances.

7.3.4 **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

7.3.4.1 There have been tangible successes to date as a result of implementing the Smarter Choices for Travel to School Strategy. The Council had been able to meet its statutory duty to promote sustainable travel to school. The positive environmental impact and benefits to children's health were evident and quantifiable.

7.3.4.2 The excellent joint working between Place and CYPF portfolios in funding and delivering this strategic work and, in particular the outstanding commitment of the School Travel Team should be particularly noted and welcomed given the success it had achieved, as should the corresponding involvement and support from parents, schools and governors.

7.3.4.3 Cessation of this work would result potentially in a failure of the Council to meet its statutory duty to promote sustainable school travel, a rise in the use of cars on the home to school journey with negative environmental consequences, an increase in child obesity and a higher risk of children being killed or injured on Sheffield's roads.

7.3.5 **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

7.3.5.1 Alternative Scenario A – Future wholesale cessation of Area Based Grant (ABG) funding allocations in future would, in the absence of other funding sources, halt the roll out of planned activity on sustainable travel in

schools. Support for schools to maintain and deliver their school travel plans would not be available and the progress on sustainable travel to school achieved so far would reduce or reverse. All school travel initiatives within schools, including the Travel4Life project, would be stopped and the impact of the Smarter Choices Strategy on future travel behaviour would be severely limited. It was highly likely that a majority of schools would not actively develop and implement their school travel plan. Sheffield would gain a poor reputation for programme delivery and National, LAA and LTP indicators and priorities will be affected.

7.3.5.2 Alternative Scenario B – If the recommended level of resource was augmented further by appointing a Home to School Transport Officer this would enable:-

- Update and maintain the Getting to School website
- Update and review Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Strategy
- Assess the travel needs of young people and provide information to parents through the consultation
- Implement and deliver the strategy

7.3.6 **ANY INTEREST DECLARED OR DISPENSATION GRANTED**

7.3.6.1 None.

7.3.7 **REASON FOR EXEMPTION IF PUBLIC/PRESS EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION**

7.3.7.1 Not applicable.

7.3.8 **RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

7.3.8.1 Simon Green, Executive Director, Place