

MEETING OF THE CABINET
1 JUNE 2017 - 2.00 PM – 3.05 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Michael King
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Helen Goral
Councillor Matthew Lee
Councillor Jacky Smith
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Rosemary H Woolley
Councillor Dr Peter Moseley

Councillor Matthew Lee - Chairman

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director Corporate Focus (Daren Turner)
Strategic Director Environment & Property (Tracey Blackwell)
Strategic Director Development & Growth (Steve Ingram)
Corporate Finance Manager (Richard Wyles)
Executive Manager Environment (Ian Yates)
Executive Manager Corporate (Lucy Youles)
Business Manager Street Scene (Keith Rowe)
Cabinet Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

Non-Executive Members : **Councillor Mike Exton**
 Councillor Robert Reid
 Councillor Nick Neilson

CO38. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Robins.

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CO39. RECORD OF DECISION(S)

Noted.

CO40. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None disclosed.

CO41. BIG CLEAN

Decision:

That the Cabinet supports the following recommendations in order to achieve a step change in the attractiveness of the street scene throughout South Kesteven:

- 1. That Cabinet recommends to Council that the 2017/18 budget framework is amended to include the investment of £661,000 revenue and £226,500 capital to deliver the “big clean” project.***

Subject to the Council approving 1 above:

- 2. The Big Clean initiative is undertaken over a three month period.***
- 3. The work specification is set to achieve a higher street standard i.e. removal of weeds, washing of street furniture, removal of graffiti as detailed in report ENV660.***
- 4. That Members and Officers develop a South Kesteven “street scene standard”.***
- 5. That following a review of the outcomes from the project ongoing investment in the service is considered as growth during the 2018/19 budget process which will ensure the higher street standard is maintained.***
- 6. That volunteers are actively encouraged and supported to contribute to the improvements.***
- 7. As part of the big clean project funding, £15,000 is allocated to the community cleaner grant scheme to further promote locally resourced cleansing within the district.***
- 8. That a communications strategy is developed and implemented to support the changes***

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report ENV660 from the Executive Member Environment.
- 2) The Council's objective to encourage economic growth, a key element being the attractiveness of the District.
- 3) The public regularly ranked clean streets in their top five issues of importance.
- 4) The issue had been discussed at the recent Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee who had agreed with the proposed option set out in the report.
- 5) The need to deliver and maintain a significant improvement in the appearance of the District – to develop our own District standard to measure performance against rather than the default lower national standards.
- 6) The project would be subject to the Council's accepted rules in respect of budget approvals and relevant procurement rules.
- 7) It was intended that the project management and supervision required would be supported from within the Council's existing resources; back filling as required, all relevant issues such as health and safety and insurance would be adhered to.
- 8) The Cabinet to undertake a review of the outcomes of the initiative in order to inform the 2018/19 budget process.
- 9) Comments made by the Cabinet Member Environment about the need for any option considered to be value for money that the work undertaken to elevate the standard needed to be continued and maintained. The use of volunteers such as community groups, Parish and Town Councils were key to the project and would be actively encouraged to help and harness the information that they had. The addition of a further team now and a future team in year two would add flexibility to enable a more fluid work flow rather than a reactive one.
- 10) Comments from the Chairman of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee commending the forward thinking project.
- 11) Comments from the Cabinet Member Economy and Development on the geography of the district and whether the proposed equipment could be used in a rural setting as well as an urban one (proposed equipment could be used in both) and also prioritization (addition of further work teams would add flexibility). Also the possibility of sponsorship of sections of road similar to what happened in America (issue would be looked into).
- 12) Comments from the Cabinet Member Communications and Engagement that any review needed to be done effectively to improve the project going forward and make the district the "go to place" on how to do things properly. From a commercial perspective provide a better

response to issues such as graffiti removal.

- 13) Comments from the Leader about managing the engagement with the volunteer element and how the resources in Customer Services could be utilized.
- 14) Comments from the Cabinet Member Major Projects about the need to address the state of the roundabouts particularly those coming into towns and perhaps looking again at sponsorship as had happened in the past through Lincolnshire County Council.
- 15) Comments from the Cabinet Member Communities and Wellbeing who also referred to roundabouts in areas other than Grantham. Reference was also made to insurance and the Executive Manager Environment indicated that he would circulate to the Cabinet information about third party insurance in respect of Parish Councils.
- 16) Comments made about rivers which were not part of the project and were the responsibility of the Environment Agency.
- 17) Comments made about green spaces which there was a cross over with the propose project.
- 18) Comments made by the Cabinet Member Finance on the financial outlay and the budget implications both now and in future years.

Other Options Considered:

The main variables influencing the options were the time taken to deliver the one off project, the locations, the number of streets to be treated and the ability to maintain the higher standard on an ongoing basis. Each option had been evaluated against the level of impact, the levels of risk and the perceived value for money against the level of investment. The key options considered were:

Option 1 - Undertake a big clean of entire district within a 6 week period

Option 2 - An intelligence based, targeted approach

Option 3 – General increase in the ongoing level of service provision

The evaluation of the above options was detailed in Appendix 1 to Report ENV660. This demonstrates that Option 1 required large scale investment for a one off return and Option 3 provides minimal immediate step change, leaving Option 2 providing the best balance in terms of value for money and impact but no ongoing solution.

CO42. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

No matters had been referred to Cabinet from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The first round of Overview and Scrutiny Committees had taken place where the remit and their work plans had been discussed. Once the remit had been agreed with each Committee they would be going back to Council for inclusion within the Constitution.

The Chairman of the Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee referred to the Overview and Scrutiny training that had taken place and felt that the training had been professionally given and enabled those Members present at the training to have a much more productive and focused approach.

CO43. ITEMS RAISED BY CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING REPORTS ON KEY AND NON KEY DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS.

Two Non Key Decisions had been made.

Councillor Mike King had made the following decision on 25.05.17

Adoption of the Foston Neighbourhood Plan – Report SEG43

Decision:

That approval is granted for the Foston Neighbourhood Plan to be part of the Development Plan for South Kesteven.

Date effective: 05.06.17 subject to call-in

Councillor Dr Peter Moseley had made the following decision on 30.05.17

Amendment to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – Report LDS218

Decision:

That approval is granted for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to be amended to include compulsory e-learning safeguarding training whereby all hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators are required to complete and pass the safeguarding awareness training.

Date effective: 08.06.17 subject to call-in

The Leader stated that in future there would be an item on the Council

agenda with paperwork from the Cabinet meeting for transparency.

CO44. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM NON CABINET MEMBERS

None were received although the Leader informed those present that a report was going to the Constitution Committee with a view to amending the Constitution to enable any Member to speak on an item on the agenda without prior notice having to be given.

DATE DECISIONS EFFECTIVE

Decision CO41 stands referred to Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 15th June 2017.

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