

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT PLANNING AND TRANSPORT**1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (18 December 2017, 22 January 2018, 19 February 2018 and 19 March 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 21 November 2017.

Cabinet – 18 December 2017

A077/17 - Review of current financial arrangements with Groundwork East and the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust: Cabinet agreed a phased withdrawal of financial support from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Groundwork East with effect from 1 April 2018

Cabinet – 19 February 2018

A065/17 - INTEGRATED PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22 (incorporating the Strategic Direction and Financial Consequences and the Treasury Management Strategy):
Savercard proposals:

The option was given at the Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel to increase the cost of purchasing the Savercard by £5 to deliver an additional £63,580 income each year with an on-going and timetabled cost review over 3 years. The budgeted income from Savercard purchases is £145,000. Prices have not been increased since 2015 and therefore a proposed increase from September 2018 was recommended (the start of the academic year). Following a recommendation from the Panel and in the light of the updated budget position, Cabinet decided to defer the increase for a further year.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 21 November 2017

- 2.1 In September a consultation on the first stage of the Minerals Local Plan Review was agreed. That consultation has now ended and a report on the results of the consultation will be brought back to Panel in the Spring.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by CabinetCabinet – 14 May 2018

A006/18 - Hertfordshire County Council Membership of emerging Sub-National Transport Bodies: Cabinet will be asked to consider the Council's membership of this body.

A012/18 - Adoption of revised Minerals And Waste Development Scheme: Cabinet will be asked to recommend that Council adopts the revised Scheme.

A013/18 - Approval of Local Transport Plan: Cabinet will be asked to recommend that Council adopts the Local Transport Plan 4.

Cabinet – 9 July 2018

A025/18 - Approval of A414 strategy: Cabinet will be asked to approve the proposed strategy.

A026/18 - South West Herts Growth and Transport Plan: Cabinet will be invited to consider and approve the Plan.

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership (HIPP)

On 27 November I attended a meeting of the Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership. On 15 January I attended a special meeting on HIPP which was called to consider the proposals on joint planning in the county, which were to be presented to the County Leaders Group. On 15 February I attended the Herts Leaders meeting, where the HIPP proposals on joint planning in the County were discussed

4.2 Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership

On 9 December I attended the Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership Santa Special Event.

4.3 A414 Member Group

On 19 December I attended a meeting of the A.414 Member Group.

4.4 Six Authorities Group

On 17 January I attended a meeting of the Six Authorities Group, which discussed the consultation on the Mayor's Plan for London.

4.5 Harlow/Gilston Garden Town Board

On 22 January and 8 February I attended meetings of the Harlow/Gilston Garden Town Board.

4.6 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body

On 25 January I attended a meeting of the Hertfordshire Local Transport Body.

4.7 Stansted Airport Transport Forum

On 8 March I attended the meeting of the Stansted Airport Transport Forum.

4.8 East of England Transport Forum

On 13 March I attended a meeting of the East of England Transport Forum.

5. Other comments

5.1 On 23 November I, along with other Members and officers, attended a planning and infrastructure charrette, which was chaired by Lord Salisbury.

This was one of a series of meeting that will be taking place during 2018 to examine strategic infrastructure issues in the County.

- 5.2 On 26 January I attended the Wider South East Summit, which was focussed on the consultation Draft of the Mayor's Plan for London. A report on the County Council's proposed response to the Draft Plan was considered by the February Environment, Planning and Transport Panel.
- 5.3 On 23 January I attended a workshop session with the five south west Hertfordshire Authorities (Dacorum Borough Council; Three Rivers District Council, Watford Borough Council; Hertsmere Borough Council and the City and District of St Albans), which considered whether they should embark on a joint strategic plan for their area. The conclusion of the meeting was that there was support for this proposal, and a report on this matter and the draft memorandum of Understanding which is being proposed, was considered by Environment Planning and Transport Panel in March. It has been confirmed that the five authorities have been successful in gaining funding form the Planning Delivery Fund to support this joint work over the next two years.
- 5.4 All three of the major airports which impact on the County are starting to bring forward their proposals for expansion. At Stansted, the Planning application to expand the airport up to 43 million passengers per year, has just been submitted to Uttlesford District Council. At Luton, the airport is starting to develop its plans which will result in a Development Consent order application being considered by the Planning Inspectorate for expansion up to 38 million passengers per year. Finally, Heathrow are currently consulting on in the first stage of their Development Consent Order process for the expansion of the airport. Reports on these proposals will be brought to future meetings of the Panel. Whilst recognising the economic potential of airport expansion the County Council will be pressing for recognition of the potential impacts on local infrastructure, funding for mitigation schemes and improved public transport connections.
- 5.5 On 8 February I attended the fourth annual UK Bus Summit which was held in London at the QEII Conference Centre, Westminster . This year the focus was on why buses are an integral part of the solution to Clean Air Zones rather than the problem. As well as 'disruptive technology' and what impact this has on the bus sector.
- 5.6 The Countryside Management Service is writing a Greenspace Action Plan for the Cole Green Way between Hertford and Welwyn Garden City. The plan, developed with Highways and Property, aims to improve the Cole Green Way, recognising its importance to the community and its potential for active travel. The top priority is to improve its surface and drainage. In response to overwhelming feedback from the community, works to remove accumulated mud and leaf litter along the route have been brought forward and will now be completed during March.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel has met on 5 February 2018 and 9 March 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel - 5 February 2018](#)

[Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel - 9 March 2018](#)

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