

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2008 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

<u>Councillor Westley – Vice-Chair (In the Chair)</u> Councillor Mugglestone

Councillor Corrall Councillor Hall
Councillor Hunt (for Cllr Suleman) Councillor Joshi
Councillor Naylor Councillor Russell

Co-opted Members

Mr Edward Hayes - Church of England Diocese

Standing Invitees

Rebecca Barrow Youth Representative Jess Evans Youth Representative

Also In Attendance

Councillor Dempster Cabinet Lead Member for Children,

and Schools.

304. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Blackmore and Follett, Cem Turhan and Edward Hayes.

305. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Councillor Corrall declared a personal interest in Appendix B, 'Housing Revenue Account – Budget 2009/10' and Appendix C 'Housing Capital Programme 2008/09 and 2009/14'as he had relatives who were Council tenants.

319. THE SECOND EDITION OF THE TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007-2011

The Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a report that sought approval of the 2nd edition of the Leicester City Council Transport Asset Management Plan 2007 – 2011.

Members heard that the improvements included the addition of a gating order policy that provided guidance on how sections of the highway could be gated if the highway was being used to facilitate anti social behaviour and criminal activity. The second edition also contained a vehicle crossing policy that set out how to provide vehicle crossings for people who needed to drive vehicles on to private land from the carriageway by crossing the highway verge or footway.

One Member of the Board was of the opinion that the cost of constructing dropped kerbs was excessive and needed to be looked at. The Board agreed that a report on the charging policy for vehicle crossings be brought to a one-off meeting of the Regeneration and Transport Task group.

Several Members cited problems with concrete road surfaces, and were particularly concerned of damage caused to roads and pavements on such surfaces. The Team Leader, Highways Strategy confirmed that repairs to damaged road surfaces and surrounding pavements were funded through the capital maintenance program but there was limited funding available in the programme.

One Member of the Board reported that the Regional Development Agency operated a scheme that allowed local authorities to employ a graduate free of cost for a year. He agreed to provide further information to officers.

RESOLVED:

- that OSMB support approval of the Second Edition of the TAMP; and
- (2) that a one-off meeting of the Regeneration and Transport Task Group be set up to consider a report on the Council's charging policy for vehicle crossings.