



Extract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

<u>Councillor Kamal - Chair</u> <u>Councillor Metcalfe - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson</u> <u>Councillor Thompson - Conservative Spokesperson</u>

Councillor ChohanCouncillor MawCouncillor Coles (for Cllr Honiball)Councillor Newitt

Also in Attendance

Councillor Bhatti – Cabinet Lead for Highways and Transportation

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87. TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/2004

The Service Director of Highways and Transportation submitted a report that sought agreement to proposals for spending next financial year's transport capital programme, for both Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance.

Officers reported that the allowance within the Single Capital Pot for Capital Maintenance was £3.237 million, considerably less than the £4.316 million allocated in the current year. As with the current year the Council had decided to allocate only 80% of this allowance to Capital Maintenance that, together with a small allocation from Capital Receipts, would provide a total of £2.689 million. The report set out how the allocation was proposed to be spent.

Officers reported that the allocation for Integrated Transport was £6.747 million, a 2% increase on the previous year. However, it was reported that the Highways and Transportation Division was in a position to deliver considerably more than this, as a consequence of the steps taken to deliver the whole of the current year's allocation, including slippage. The report explained how the position arose, proposed a methodology for determining which schemes and programmes should proceed in the next financial year, and which should be deferred, and set out a programme based on that methodology.

The Scrutiny Committee considered the content of the report and expressed concern at the effects of the £1 million cut in funding in respect of Capital

Maintenance for 2003/2004 would have on schemes, compared to the current year, and requested a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on what schemes would suffer as a result.

RESOLVED:

- that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee outlining the effects the £1 million cut in funding will have on Capital Maintenance schemes in 2003/2004.
- ii) that the content of the report be noted.

88. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.33pm.