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Minutes of the Meeting of the  
LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Shelton – Chair – Cultural Services Stream  
Councillor Mrs. Maw – Conservative Spokesperson  
Councillor Sandringham – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Thompson – Chair – Highways and Transportation Stream  
Councillor Panchbhaya – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson  
Councillor Hall – Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Allen	Councillor J Blackmore
Councillor Green	Councillor Mugglestone
Councillor Vincent	Councillor Wann

Also in attendance:

Councillor Connelly - Cabinet Member for Leisure  
Councillor Corrall - Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Environment  
Councillor Kitterick - Cabinet Member for Transport

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**79. ROAD HUMPS - MELBOURNE ROAD AND ADJACENT SIDE STREETS**

The Service Director, Highways and Transportation, submitted a report as requested by Councillor Panchbhaya which described what could be done to alleviate concerns raised by ward councillors and First Bus about the height of the road humps in Spinney Hills including Melbourne Road. He stated that most of the humps in the area had been installed early in the traffic calming programme so were higher than the more modern humps, although they complied with Government regulations at the time of installation and were still within regulations at the current time.

Members were informed that the new low floor buses being introduced in the City could not negotiate the humps in Melbourne Road, and it was being proposed to lower the humps to enable First Bus to put new vehicles on the route. Officers explained, however, that there was no funding available to alter the humps on the side streets so a decision had been made that this would not

be a sensible expenditure, although repairs would be made if necessary when occasional problems occurred.

Some Members were concerned about the damage caused to cars by the higher road humps, for example exhaust damage and damage to the front of the car if the driver had to brake suddenly. They suggested levelling the approach to the humps slightly, but officers stated that many options had been researched but would still involve some level of re-building the road. In response to a Member's question, officers thought it unlikely that claims for vehicle damage were paid by the Council as the humps met regulations and should not cause damage to cars if driven sensibly.

Councillor Panchbhaya, seconded by Councillor Tessier, proposed the following:

"That whilst the expenditure to reconstruct the road humps on Melbourne Road to facilitate bus movement is welcome, I proposed to the Cabinet that they take into consideration the concerns of the long suffering residents of Highfields and take immediate steps to reduce the size of the road humps in adjoining streets also".

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

A Member expressed concern that Cabinet may not agree to the proposal and suggested that a more favourable way forward was needed. Concern was further expressed that this proposal may encourage similar requests for work which could lead to high expenditure.

**RESOLVED:**

That whilst the expenditure to reconstruct the road humps on Melbourne Road to facilitate bus movement is welcome, Cabinet be asked to take into consideration the concerns of the long suffering residents of Highfields and take immediate steps to reduce the size of the road humps in adjoining streets.

