



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM SCRUTINY
COMMISSION

Held: THURSDAY, 12 JULY 2018 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Khote (Chair)
Councillor Rae Bhatia (Vice Chair)

Councillor Bhavsar
Councillor Patel

Councillor Porter
Councillor Sandhu

In attendance:

Councillor Myers – Assistant City Mayor with responsibility for
the Entrepreneurial Councils Agenda
Sir Peter Soulsby – City Mayor

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dr Chowdhury.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Porter declared an Other Disclosable Interest in agenda item 10, "Putney Road Scheme – Consultation Update", in that he had objected to the scheme as part of the consultation.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, this interest was not considered so significant that it was likely to prejudice Councillor Porter's judgement of the public interest. He therefore was not required to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.

11. PUTNEY ROAD SCHEME - CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Major Transport Projects Manager gave a presentation on the consultation exercise concerning the Putney Road transport scheme, a copy of which is attached at the end of these minutes for information.

Members noted that those in favour of the scheme were mostly road users and those against were local residents. However, the City Mayor noted that a low response had been received to the consultation, which suggested that it was not a high level concern.

The Major Transport Projects Manager explained that baseline monitoring was needed before the scheme started. This information needed to be available to enable appropriate mitigation as required.

A member of the Commission suggested that this scheme was linked to a scheme to create a road along linked to Evesham Road and questioned why data about traffic flows along residential roads and possible time savings through not having to use Knighton Lane East was not included in the report. The Member also queried whether users of the cycle lanes in Knighton Road West would be delayed by the traffic lights along that route and expressed concern that traffic along Aylestone Road, which already had a very high level of air pollution, would increase. The Member further expressed concern that a request for the consultation to be discussed at the Aylestone Community Meeting had not been agreed.

In reply, the City Mayor stressed that the Putney Road scheme was not linked to any proposals to build an Aylestone bypass, so was being considered entirely on its own merits as a way of relieving traffic congestion and pressure on roads between Welford Road and Saffron Lane/Aylestone Road.

It was noted that the scheme was budgeted to cost £5million, of which £3.8million would be grant funded by the Department for Transport.

AGREED:

- 1) That the results of the consultation on the Putney Road Scheme be noted; and
- 2) That the Commission endorses proceeding to the next phase of delivery of the Putney Road Scheme.

Councillor Porter left the meeting during consideration of the above item.