



Joint Committee for Transforming Cities Funds Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 March 2021 at 3.12pm on Microsoft Teams (virtual meeting)

Present:

Cllr Martin Wilby (Chairman)
Cllr Barry Stone (Vice-Chairman)
Peter Joyner
Cllr Mike Stonard
Cllr Ian Stutely
Cllr Brian Watkins

Representing:

Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
Norfolk County Council

Substitute Members Present:

Cllr Danny Douglas for Cllr Steve Morphew

Representing:

Norfolk County Council

Officers Present:

Hollie Adams
David Allfrey
Amy Cole

Alex Cliff

Tim Osborn
Stuart Payne
Jeremy Wiggin

Role

Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council
Infrastructure Delivery Manager, Norfolk County Council
Project Engineer (Infrastructure Delivery), Norfolk County Council
Highway Network and Digital Innovation Manager, Norfolk County Council
Project Engineer, Norfolk County Council
Associate (WSP), Norfolk County Council
Transport for Norwich Manager, Norfolk County Council

1. Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Lana Hempsall, Cllr Kay Mason-Billig and Cllr Steve Morphew (Cllr Danny Douglas substituting).
- 1.2 The Chairman apologised for the late start of the meeting caused by technical difficulties.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

2.2 Matters arising from the minutes

- A Joint Committee Member noted that in the minutes of the 18 January 2021, using new methodology to survey travel patterns, funded from innovation money had been discussed, and queried how quickly this approach could be used for Transforming Cities. The Highway Network and Digital Innovation Manager agreed that this could be brought forward, dependent on funding, and possibilities on how it could be rolled out could be explored. Officers agreed to include figures

on modal shift in future reports to the Joint Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

4. Items received as urgent business

- 4.1 No urgent business was discussed.

5. Transforming Cities - South Park Avenue

- 5.1 The Joint Committee received the report setting out proposals for South Park Avenue which had been subject to public consultation during January – February 2021; the report recommended that the scheme was approved for construction and that the statutory procedures to implement the zebra crossing and any amendments to existing Traffic Regulation Orders were commenced

- 5.2 The following points were discussed and noted:

- A Joint Committee Member raised concerns that the likely introduction of charging for parking in Eaton Park and possible increase in demand for student accommodation after the pandemic had not been factored into planning for the scheme. The Joint Committee Member felt that if parking charges were introduced, double yellow lines should be installed on the housing side of South Park Avenue; if not he believed the scheme would not provide good value for money and would affect pedestrian safety.
- The Transport for Norwich Manager replied that officers were aware of the proposals put forward in this area and were committed to work with Norwich City Council. Officers would monitor the public's reaction to changes related to parking in Eaton Park and would work with elected Members on this issue as changes arose.

- 5.3 With 6 votes for and 1 abstention the Joint Committee **AGREED**:

1. To **APPROVE** the proposals for South Park Avenue as shown in Appendix B of the report.
2. To **COMMENCE** the statutory procedures associated with the legal notice for the zebra crossing and any amendments required to existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

6. Transforming Cities - King Street

- 6.1 The Joint Committee received the report setting out proposals for King Street, previously presented at the December 2020 Transforming Cities Joint Committee meeting, requesting permission to undertake further consultation which took place in January 2021. The proposals presented in this report and attachments had been subjected to only minor changes following the latest consultation.

- 6.2 The following points were discussed and noted:

- The consultation carried out in January 2021 had received 34 responses. The scheme was judged to be good value for money in line with Government guidance.

- Concern was noted about narrowing of the carriageway and the potential impact of this on cyclists travelling against opposing traffic. The Transport for Norwich Manager clarified that the proposed width of the carriageway was designed to accommodate 2-way vehicular traffic, and the dominant flow of traffic on this road was cyclists; therefore, officers were confident that the cycling environment would be improved by the proposals.
- It was reported that the Local Community Group were using speed cameras to make drivers more aware of urban speeding and improve the cycling and walking environment on King Street.

6.3 The Joint Committee **APPROVED** the proposals, as shown in Appendices A and B of the report, for construction.

The Meeting ended at 15.26

**Cllr Martin Wilby, Chair,
Joint Committee for Transforming Cities Funds**



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