

## **COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

#### **Explanatory Note**

The Leader of the Council has established Delegation Schemes by which certain decisions may be made by the relevant cabinet member or specific officers.

Cabinet member decisions are subject to review under the Call-in Procedure.

From the date the notice of the decision made is published there are five working days during which any five Councillors may sign a request for the decision to be reviewed (called in) and deliver it to the Proper Officer.

If, at the end of the period, no request has been made, the decision may be implemented. If a valid call- in request has been made, the matter will be referred to the Scrutiny Panel

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#### **Part A – To be completed by the appropriate Cabinet Member/Officer**

##### **Title of Report**

Essex County Council Consultation – Colchester Future Transport Strategy

##### **Delegated Power**

To promote and procure the implementation of the Borough Council's Transport Strategy in partnership with Essex County Council, the responsible Transport Authority and other partners to improve infrastructure.

## **Decision Taken**

To respond positively to the CFTS consultation and suggest areas where the Borough Council wishes to work with the County Council to strengthen and enhance the objectives, focus areas for schemes and delivery timescales to help take them forward to enable the vision to be realised.

These focus areas are:

### **Integrated interchange hubs**

- Integrating transport schemes including creating interchange hubs at bus stops and rail stations with access to e-bikes, e-scooters or quality walking routes, or cycle parking for onward travel to the town centre or other destinations. Also integrated booking and payment systems for easy access to move between transport modes.

### **Travel Change Initiatives**

- Enabling and promoting travel change initiatives for example shared mobility and easy access to bikes/e-bikes, cargo bikes/e-cargo bikes; e-scooters e-car clubs; car sharing; travel planning and electric vehicle charging network, all available for the use of residents, businesses and visitors.
- Links to workplace travel planning and schools travel with 'park and stride' and other transport initiatives.
- Secure cycle parking provision in the town centre to ensure the safety of bikes which are parked while visitors are working or shopping.

### **Public Transport Improvements**

- Considering options for expanding the public transport offer to allow faster, seamless access and connectivity to destinations. Examples are closer integration with the park and ride service, rapid transit and demand responsive transport. As well as looking at prioritising public transport to allow better, inclusive and faster access to destinations, considering smarter ticketing and integration with other transport modes, and working with commercial transport providers to encourage costs effective and family friendly pricing.

### **Eco Parking (Park and Choose)**

- Park Active at car parks on the edge of town where people are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to their onward destination.
- The recently adopted Positive Parking Strategy includes environmental charging, which seeks to move away from charging for parking and instead focus on the environmental impact of vehicles driving into the town, and the looking at the possibility of a workplace levy on parking spaces.
- Closer integration of the park and ride offer with the newly adopted Colchester Positive Parking Strategy to ensure park and ride is favoured over town centre car parks for those working or visiting Colchester.

### **Edge of town freight interchange hubs**

- Investigation and implementation of edge of town freight interchange hubs where e-vehicles or e-cargo bikes can then complete the 'last mile' deliveries.

### **Air Quality**

- Improvements in Air Quality is a priority for Colchester Borough Council and we would like to see the ten-year target broken down to include those improvements that can be carried out within the next five years.

### **Further Travel Change Initiatives**

- Initiatives such as Liveable Neighbourhoods, School Streets, designated 20 mph zones, protected cycling and walking routes as well as the Town Deal bid for improved walking and cycling environment can offer a significant start to working towards the vision particularly in Zone 1 and provide opportunity to build on and expand in the future. All schemes and traffic management measures need to be supported by suitable enforcement and measures to ensure traffic and speed restrictions are adhered to.

**Key Decision**

No

**Forward Plan**

N/A

**Reasons for the Decision**

To influence the content of the Colchester Future Transport Strategy

**Alternative Options**

To not respond to the consultation. This would mean losing the opportunity to influence ECC on their transportation policy work.

**Conflict of Interest**

None

**Dispensation by Head of Paid Service**

N/A

**Dispensation by Monitoring Officer**

N/A

**Approved by Portfolio Holder for Waste, Environment and Transportation**

**Signature: Cllr Martin Goss**

**Date: 8 January 2021**

(**NB** For Key Decisions the report must be made available to the public for five clear days prior to the period for call-in commencing)

**Part B – To be completed by the Proper Officer (Democratic Services)**

**Portfolio Holder Decision Reference Number**

**WAS-005-20**

**Implementation Date**

This decision can be implemented if no request for the decision to be reviewed (call-in) has been made **after 5pm on 18 January 2021**.

**Call-in Procedure**

The Decision Notice for this decision was published on the internet and placed in the Members' Room and the Customer Service Centre on **11 January 2021**.

A request for reference to the Scrutiny Panel must be made by **5pm on 18 January 2021**.

Signature of Proper Officer

Kate Randall