

## **PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021**

**Present:** Cllrs Daryl Turner (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Sherry Jespersen, Carole Jones, Val Potheary, Andrew Starr and Roland Tarr

**Apologies:** Cllrs Pauline Batstone, Ryan Hope and David Taylor

**Also present:** Cllr Tony Alford, Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cllr Susan Cocking, Cllr Spencer Flower, Cllr Barry Goringe, Cllr Rob Hughes, Cllr Nick Ireland, Cllr Andrew Kerby, Cllr Nocturin Lacey-Clarke, Cllr David Morgan, Cllr Andrew Parry, Cllr Jane Somper, Cllr Gill Taylor and Cllr David Walsh

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

John Sellgren (Executive Director, Place), Jonathan Mair (Corporate Director - Legal & Democratic Service Monitoring Officer), Matthew Piles (Corporate Director - Economic Growth and Infrastructure), Michael Westwood (Community Highways Manager), James Potten (Communications Business Partner - Place) and Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

**44. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 February and 9 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

**45. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**46. Chairman's Update**

The Chairman reported that he had reviewed a number of Highways related policies of which the majority, contained minor amendments. These policies had been agreed by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment and added to the Policy Library. Two policies had been brought to the committee at this meeting for review by councillors.

**47. Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public or local organisations.

**48. Questions from Members**

There were no questions submitted by councillors.

#### 49. **Dorset Highways Policies**

The committee received a report of the Community Highways Manager which set out two policies for review by the committee – A-Board Advertising Signs Policy and Highway Improvements Policy and Procedure.

The Chairman noted that the policies had been subject to review by the Highways and Transport Task and Finish Group and would be subject to formal agreement by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment. These policies and others to be agreed had been made available to committee members in advance of the meeting.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- The need for further review in future
- Documents to be accessible to the public
- The need for the council to be innovative and pioneer approaches to traffic management and safer communities
- Further guidance was awaited from the Department for Transport in respect of 20 mph zones. This issue would be brought back to the committee at the appropriate time
- A future discussion in respect of the Local Transport Plan would be held with the committee.

#### **Decision**

That the Place and Resources Overview Committee support the following action, in line with the decision of the highways & transport task and finish group:

Adoption of the revised policies:

A-Board Advertising Signs Policy

Highway Improvements Policy and Procedure

#### 50. **Place and Resources Overview Committee Forward Plan**

Councillors reviewed the committee's forward plan and noted items for the next meeting on 1 June 2021.

A request was made for the committee to look at areas that did not have access to electric charging points. The Chairman noted that this could be considered and may be linked to current work on the council's Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Strategy.

The committee also needed to consider the actions of the Reset and Recovery Executive Advisory Panel and build items into the forward plan as relevant. Further information on this would follow.

#### 51. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

52. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 - 10.42 am

**Chairman**

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