

**EXECUTIVE
3 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR M J HILL OBE (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL)

Councillors Mrs P A Bradwell, R G Davies (Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT), Mrs S Woolley (Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison and Community Engagement), C N Worth (Executive Councillor for Culture and Emergency Services) and B Young (Executive Councillor for Community Safety and People Management)

Councillors: Mrs C L Perraton-Williams attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

Debbie Barnes (Executive Director, Children's Services), Andy Gutherson (County Commissioner for Economy and Place), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), Tony McArdle (Chief Executive), Pete Moore (Executive Director, Finance and Public Protection), Karen Spencer (Communications) (Strategic Communications Manager), Nigel West (Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer) and Richard Wills (Executive Director, Environment and Economy)

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C J Davie and E J Poll.

45 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

46 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

There were no announcements by the Leader, Executive Councillors or Executive Directors.

47 A FAIR DEAL FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

It was reported that the campaign was active and still gaining support from organisations and parish councils.

The Fair Funding for Local Government consultation document has been launched on 21 December 2017 and the consultation would run 12 March 2018. The Executive was advised that that proposals simplified current key cost drivers and addressed rurality. It was reported the Council would be responding before the 12 March 2018 deadline.

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It was reported that the Police Commissioner was supportive of the initial response, and it was suggested that this support could be highlighted in the response.

Transparency was important, but no detailed work on formula models had been carried out yet. Implementation was expected to be from April 2020.

48 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 19
DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 19 December 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

49 GRANTHAM SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD (GSRR) - LAND ACQUISITION,
ORDERS AND CONTRACTS

Consideration was given to a report from the Executive Director for Environment and Economy which sought approval from the Executive to pursue the acquisition of land for the Southern Quadrant Link Road (SQLR); to proceed with making a Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads Order for the Grantham Southern Relief Road (GSRR) Scheme; to seek, and if agreed, take a delegation from the Secretary of State for Transport to enable the making of a Slip Roads Order for the GSRR scheme, or in the absence of a delegation to assist the Secretary of State in making such an Order; for the Council to enter into an agreement with Highways England pursuant to Section 6 of the Highways Act 1980 to receive the necessary delegation of trunk road powers for the GSRR; and in principle to procure and award of a contract for the SQLR (phase 3 GSRR).

The Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT advised that the scheme was now at a point where the authority could apply for the Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Road Orders.

The scheme objectives for the Grantham Southern Relief Road were highlighted to the Executive. It was hoped that the Order would be confirmed by the end of March 2018 and then phase 2 and 3 of the contract could commence.

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and the following points were noted:

- The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee would be considering this report at its next meeting and receiving updates on the project.
- In relation to Appendix A of the report, it was noted that traffic for the quarry would access the new road via a slip road.
- The design of the A1 junction followed the design of the King 31 project, which was an adaptation of a previously approved scheme. It was noted that Highways England were happy with what had been put forward.
- It was suggested that the archaeological report could cause a delay.

- The number of objections which were likely to come forward was minimal as a lot of engagement work had taken place around this project.
- The external funding was based on the current delivery and timescales.
- It was noted that the authority had learnt lessons with other schemes in relation to archaeology, and there was a level of uncertainty but it was thought less likely that there would be any finds with this route. Officers would manage the risks when they occurred.
- It was commented that members were pleased that the scheme had reached this stage.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given to Lincolnshire County Council entering into an agreement with Highways England pursuant to Section 6 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the Section 6 Agreement") relating to highway works at the A1 Trunk Road (Grantham Southern Growth Corridor) and the exercise by the Council of all Highways England's powers in respect of the making, publishing and seeking confirmation of Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Roads Orders necessary to give effect to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, generally in the form of the draft attached as detailed at Appendix J to the report.
- (2) That approval be given to Lincolnshire County Council (both for itself and in exercise of the powers of Highways England delegated pursuant to the Section 6 Agreement) exercising powers under Sections 14, 125, 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 and Acquisition of Land Act 1981 to secure the compulsory acquisition of and otherwise deal with all land and rights and interests in and affecting land necessary to construct the GSRR (including the SQLR).
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the approval at paragraph 2 above approval be given to Lincolnshire County Council (both for itself and in exercise of the powers of Highways England delegated pursuant to the Section 6 Agreement) making:-
 - (i) A compulsory Purchase Order under Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 and Acquisition of Land Act 1981 generally in the form set out in Appendix F to the report to secure the compulsory acquisition of the land shown pink on the Compulsory Purchase Order plans at Appendix H to the report and the new rights over the land shown coloured blue on the said order plans on the basis that there is a compelling case in the public interest for making this Compulsory Purchase Order; and
 - (ii) Side Roads Orders under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 generally in the forms set out in Appendix B and E to the report to carry out works to existing highways;the orders detailed in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph 3 being collectively referred to as "the Orders"

(4) That approval be given to:

(i) Lincolnshire County Council entering into an agreement with the Secretary of State for Transport ("SSfT") and/or the Department for Transport ("DfT") to receive authority or delegation of powers to enable the Council to promote a Slip Roads Order or Orders to be made by the SSfT under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 through to confirmation, including preparation and representations at any Public Inquiry and the exercising of those powers if and when authorised or delegated; or

(ii) whether or not a delegation is obtained pursuant to paragraph 4 above, Lincolnshire County Council liaising with and assisting the SSfT and/or DfT in respect of publication and promotion of a Slip Roads Order or Orders under Sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980

in each case for the designation of the new slip roads created as part of the GSRR scheme as trunk roads;

(5) That the Executive Director for Environment and Economy be delegated authority to exercise on behalf of the Council any powers of the Secretary of State under section 10 of the Highways Act 1980 delegated pursuant to an agreement as described in paragraph 4(i) above or otherwise to take such steps as may be necessary to liaise with and assist the Secretary of State as described in paragraph 4(ii) above.

(6) That approval be given in principle to the Statement of Reasons ("SoR") for the above mentioned Orders generally in the form of the draft set out at Appendix I to the report.

(7) That the Executive Director for Environment and Economy be delegated authority to agree the final version of the SoR, and the final form of the Orders including authority to make, if necessary, any amendments to the Orders referred to in 3 (i) and 3 (ii) above necessary to secure the compulsory acquisition of all land necessary to construct the GSRR (including the SQLR) prior to publication of the Orders.

(8) That the Chief Legal Officer be delegated authority to seal the Orders in their final form.

(9) That the Executive Director for Environment and Economy be delegated authority to take all the ancillary and necessary steps, including the publication and service of all statutory notices and presentation of the Council's case at Public Inquiry, to secure the confirmation of the Orders by the Secretary of State and the vesting of the land in the County Council to include authority to request confirmation of the final Orders with modifications if, in the light of new information, it appears expedient to ensure the confirmation of the Orders.

(10) That the Chief Legal Officer be delegated authority to acquire all third party interests in land and the properties subject to the Compulsory Purchase

Order and as required for the GSRR (whether compulsorily or by agreement) on terms recommended by the Executive Director for Environment and Economy.

- (11) That approval be given to the capital scheme appraisal for the Southern Quadrant Link Road ("SQLR") in accordance with paragraph B9 of the Financial Regulations forming part of the Council's Constitution and which is intended to form the third phase of the overall Grantham Southern Relief Road ("GSRR").
- (12) That approval be given in principle the procurement and award of a contract for SQLR (phase 3 GSRR).
- (13) That the Executive Director of Environment and Economy be delegated authority to agree the final form and approve the entering into of all agreements and contracts necessary to secure the construction and completion of the GSRR (including the SQLR) to include (but without limitation):
- (i) the Section 6 Agreement referred to in paragraph 1 above;
 - (ii) any agreement with the SSfT or DfT whether of a kind referred to in paragraph 4 above or otherwise;
 - (iii) any contract awarded pursuant to paragraph 12; and
 - (iv) any contract or agreement made with statutory undertakers, Network Rail or the like in connection with the Scheme.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am