

**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham
Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	28 July 2020
Subject:	Call-In of Decision by the Leader of the Council on the A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network

Summary:

The report invites the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to consider a Call-In that has been received in relation to a decision made by the Leader of the Council on 26 June 2020 on the A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network.

Actions Required:

That the Board determine whether to support upholding the decision by the Leader of the Council on the A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network or to object to the decision and refer it back to the Leader of the Council with the Board's concerns.

1. Background

A report entitled *A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network* was submitted to the Leader of the Council on 26 June 2020, a copy of which is attached at Appendix A to this report, when the following decision was made:

That approval be given to the award of a main contract for the A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network (PRN) resurfacing scheme.

A copy of the published Decision Notice is attached at Appendix B to this report.

The signatories for the Call-In are Councillors C E H Marfleet, T Bridges and D McNally. The reasons for the Call-In are set out below: -

"This scheme is part of the Government's larger Safer Roads Fund programme looking at improving safety on some of the county's riskiest roads, from which the Council received £4.6m in funding from in 2018.

1.4 The proposals are to resurface a total of 3.7km of the A631 by overlaying the majority of the existing surface and replacing it with hot rolled asphalt. Overlaying removes the need for planing out and creating unnecessary waste. Full reconstruction of the carriageway is required on some lengths to ensure a structurally sound foundation for the road.

1.7 In addition to resurfacing this stretch of the A631, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership will also be looking at lowering the speed limit, installing average speed cameras and installing reactive speed signs later in the year.

This is a decision to go ahead with Road repairs to the mentioned road A631 from Market Rasen to Louth because of carriageway failure. However the money has come from central Government to address areas of that highway for road safety. The worst incident spot is where the B1225, the Caistor High Street crosses the A631 which wants designing, signposting and visual clearance addressing as a priority first. The road safety scheme should be designed first, options discussed and agreed, then go to public consultation with a final decision made. There is now talk of average speed cameras along this stretch which could cause issue and impact on other roads. No public consultation but the scheme will have deemed to have started because of carriage repairs and monies being spent."

2. Conclusion

Upholding the Decision

If the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board does not object to the decision by the Leader of the Council, the decision may be implemented with immediate effect.

Not Upholding the Decision

If the Board objects to the decision by the Leader of the Council, it may refer it to the Leader of the Council for reconsideration, specifying in writing the nature of the Board's concerns. The Leader of the Council would then be required to reconsider the decision within 10 clear working days and he may either amend or confirm the decision. Following this, the final decision would be made and implemented.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Decision Report - A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network.
Appendix B	Decision Notice - A631 Market Rasen to Louth Safer Roads Primary Route Network.
Appendix C	A631 Market Rasen - Louth Supplementary Information
Appendix D	Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Data on A631 Safer Roads Bid

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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