



Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel

*Minutes of a meeting held on 27 May 2003
at the Civic Offices, Fareham*

PRESENT:

Mrs D R Harrison
(Chairman)

Mrs R A Godrich
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: B Bayford, Mrs D M Burton-Jenkins (deputising for D A Leonard),
P J Davies, D C S Swanbrow and Mrs K K Trott

**Co-opted
Member** Mr N J Walker

Also Present: Councillors F G Devonshire and H W L Pritchard

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D A Leonard.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel held on 18 March 2003 be confirmed and signed as a correct record ([pt-030318-m](#)).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct Councillor Mrs K K Trott declared a personal interest in item 7, (Cycle Strategy Route Priorities), Appendix A, link number F33 (she is a teacher at Henry Cort School).

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES FOR 2003/2004

(i) Local Development Framework Working Group

It was AGREED that for 2003/2004 the Local Development Framework Working Group would comprise all members of the Planning and Transportation Overview Panel.

(ii) Pedestrian Signing in Fareham Town Centre Review Group

It was AGREED that for 2003/2004 the Chairman, (Councillor Mrs D R Harrison) and Councillor Mrs K K Trott be appointed as representatives on the Pedestrian Signing in Fareham Town Centre Review Group.

(iii) Cycle Strategy Review Advisory Group

It was AGREED that for 2003/2004 the Chairman, (Councillor Mrs D R Harrison), Councillors P J Davies, F G Devonshire and Mrs K K Trott be appointed as members of the Cycle Strategy Review Advisory Group.

(iv) Best Value Review of Balanced Housing Markets Service Review Team

It was noted that, in accordance with the Council's policy, the representatives appointed to the above group should be one from each of the two political groups of the Council.

It was AGREED that for 2003/2004 the appointment of representatives on the Best Value Review of Balanced Housing Markets Service Review Team would be as follows :-

- (a) Councillor Mrs D R Harrison (for the Conservative Group); and
- (b) that the Panel was to be advised of the representative from the Liberal Democrat Group.

5. HACKNEY CARRIAGES - USE OF BUS LANES

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation concerning the use of the bus lane between High Street and Quay Street by hackney carriages (copy of report [pt-030527-r03-avi](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Panel was addressed by Mr P Rogerson, Secretary of Fareham Hackney Carriages Association. In addressing the Panel, Mr Rogerson expressed concern about the proposal for a standard livery for hackney carriages because of the cost implications for operators. The Panel was also addressed by Councillor Pritchard who made reference to the comments of First Provincial Bus Company and the Police as detailed on page 2 of the report. Councillor Devonshire also addressed the Panel on this matter and expressed the view that consideration should be given to removing the ban on cycling in the bus lane between High Street and Quay Street.

The Panel was advised that the proposed use of the bus lane was under consideration as a pilot scheme at this stage. Following further discussion and taking into account the points referred to above, it was AGREED that the Executive be advised that in the Panel's view:-

- (i) Discussions be held with the Fareham Hackney Carriage Association to enable the setting up of a Quality Partnership Agreement, as suggested in Appendix A attached to the report; and
- (ii) That the requirement, contained in the draft schedule, for a standard livery for operators, be removed.

(Voting - Unanimous)

6. DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN


The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation regarding a proposed Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Fareham (copy of report [pt-030527-r01-lmc2](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes). The report was accompanied by a presentation from Ms Lindsay McCulloch, Countryside Officer. In addition, an information leaflet entitled 'A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Fareham', together with the draft list of consultees, was circulated to members at the meeting. Ms McCulloch discussed the background to the development of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and explained that the Council as a major landowner and through its responsibilities for land use planning and community development, has the opportunity to take direct action in conserving biodiversity. With regard to public consultation, the Panel was informed that it was intended to undertake further consultation with the aim of:-

- Obtaining more facts about diversity in the area;
- Identifying issues and actions needed to be taken into account;
- Prioritising issues that affect biodiversity in the Borough,
- Prioritising actions to produce an achievable work programme.

It was generally agreed that the Panel was supportive of integrating biodiversity into other areas of planning, as referred to in the draft action plan, for example: integrating biodiversity into the Planning Local Development Framework, development plans, briefs and schemes and development control processes. The Panel further considered the issue of public consultation and other groups/ organisations who might be added to the list of consultees.

It was AGREED that the Executive be advised that in the Panel's view:

- (i) The draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Fareham, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved;
- (ii) That an article on wildlife friendly gardening be produced in an edition of Fareham Today before Spring 2004;

- (iii) That the questionnaire contained in the information leaflet also be reproduced in Fareham Today;
- (iv) That the following groups be added to the list of consultees:
 - (a) Council Officers with responsibility for countryside/environmental issues in Portsmouth City Council;
 - (b) Council Officers with responsibility for countryside/environmental issues in other neighbouring authorities;
 - (c) Network Rail,  view of its management responsibilities for railway embankments.

7. CYCLE STRATEGY ROUTE PRIORITIES

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation, which sought the Panel's views on the proposed cycle network route priorities for Fareham which had been compiled by Hampshire County Council (copy of report [pt-030527-r05-abr](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes). The Panel was addressed by Councillor Devonshire on this matter and he expressed the view that where cycleways were provided they should be of the highest quality.

Members were advised that overall, officers were in agreement with the County Council's suggested route priorities shown as low, medium and high in Appendix A attached to the report. However, it was the view that prioritisation should give greater importance to routes which were close to shopping centres, schools, colleges etc and bearing this in mind, it was proposed that some of the routes identified as medium or low priority should be re-categorised as high priority.

Following further discussion it was AGREED that the Executive be advised that in the Panel's view:-

- (i) the schedule of routes tabled in the report, (Appendix A), should be amended to show an increase in priority of routes as below:-

Link Number	Description	Amended Route Priority/Comments
F27	Bridge Street from South Street to Ranvilles Lane/Harcourt Road	From Low to High
F7	Lockwood Road from Greenaway Lane to Centre Way, including spur to housing estate	From Medium to High
F33	Mill Lane/Fishers Hill/Henry Cort Drive /Hillson Drive from	From Low to High as a link to Henry Cort School

F33 (cont'd)	Southampton Road to Hookhouse Coppice	
F+1	Gudge Heath Lane	Remain at High and consider funding from development of a local site. Consider an alternative route from the Gudge Heath Lane railway bridge southwards to the railway station.

- (ii) Priorities in the development of cycle routes should be to
 - Treat local routes as a priority over long distance routes
 - Cycleways to be of the highest quality, safer and more attractive to use
 - Efforts should be made to avoid the use of footways
- (iii) More cycle parking should be provided
- (iv) The Council should adopt a more pro-active approach to securing opportunistic routes linked to development.

8. PRESENTATION - COAST PROTECTION

The Panel received a presentation from Mr Andy Viccars, Head of Transportation and Engineering on the subject of Flooding, Coastal Protection and Coastal Management. The presentation covered a number of issues such as who is involved in flooding and coastal defence with specific reference to the involvement of Fareham Council; an overview of Fareham Coastline; indicative flood plains and coastal maintenance and monitoring. Copies of the draft policy statement on Flood and Coastal Defence and the draft Operational Flood Plan were circulated to members at the meeting.

It was AGREED:-

- (i) that Mr Viccars be thanked for a very interesting and informative presentation; and
- (ii) that the information presented in the report be noted.

9. SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY PANEL UPDATE

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation which updated members on the work of the South East Hampshire Transportation Strategy Panel (copy of report [pt-030527-r02-avi](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

It was AGREED that the information contained in the report be noted.

10. WORK PROGRAMME 2003/2004

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation which invited members to endorse a Work Programme for 2003/2004 (copy of report [pt-030527-r04-jwi](#) circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes). Members were referred to the revised draft Work Programme, attached as Appendix B to the report, which incorporated adjustments to the programme since the last Panel meeting in March 2003.

It was AGREED :-

- (a) that the attached agreed revised Work Programme, be approved; and
- (b) that the Council be informed accordingly.

(The meeting started at 6:00 pm
and ended at 8.25 pm)

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW PANEL
REVISED DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2003/2004 AS
AGREED AT THE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW PANEL
MEETING ON 27 MAY 2003**

Date	Subject	Type of Item
27 May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial endorsement of the Annual Work Programme for 2003/04 • SEHT Strategy Panel Update • Local Biodiversity Action Plan • Hackney Carriages – Use of Bus Lanes • Cycle Strategy Routing Priorities • Presentation on Coast Protection 	Programming
22 July 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Management • Ongoing revision of the Work Programme • Topic Paper(s) – Transportation in Fareham – Green Travel Plans 	Monitoring
16 September 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider draft Cycle Strategy • Fareham Town Centre Pedestrian Signing • Presentation from First Bus Company on Bus Services in Fareham • Ongoing revision of the Work Programme • Consultation Draft Design Guide – Fareham Town Centre 	Monitoring
11 November 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards a Vision for Fareham Borough – Annual Update • On going revision of the Work Programme 	Monitoring
9 December 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Budget and Service Plans 2004/2005 <p style="text-align: center;">(Restricted Agenda)</p>	Consultation

Date	Subject	Type of Item
13 January 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic Investigation, Traffic Regulation Orders and Verge Parking Programmes Review• Preliminary review of the Annual Work Programme	Review
9 March 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment Improvement Programme• Topic Paper(s) – Transport in Fareham• Public Transport Issues• Final Review of the Annual Work Programme and Draft for 2004/05	Review of Programme