

RURAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9 JANUARY 2013

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

BUS SHELTER UPDATE

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report updates members on the Bus Shelter Improvements programme and the installation of a new Bus Shelter on Asfordby Road and that the Chief executive has exercised her urgent delegated authority to expedite the matter

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That Members note that the Chief Executive has exercised her urgent delegated authority to expedite the matters relating to the Bus Shelter Improvement programme and the installation of a new Bus Shelter on Asfordby Road, by specifically approving:**

1. **The reinstatement of the Bus Shelter budget of £18k to the 2012/13 capital programme**
2. **The allocation of such funds as are needed to provide a shelter at the Asfordby Road Site**
3. **The determination that the Asfordby Road Shelter be provided.**
4. **Any ancillary matters which may need to be put in place to give effect to this decision**
5. **That officers carry out a study of the condition of the Bus Shelter provision & that this be reported to the REEA Committee at its meeting as part of the June Cycle following consideration at the Town Area Working Group.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following a debate at Full Council on 12th December 2012 and the comments of the Chair of the REEA Committee and the Leader supported by the Deputy Leader's request to act, an examination of the position of the decisions made and the provision of a new Bus Shelter on Asfordby Road was undertaken. This suggested that the [Asfordby Road] site is ready for a new Bus Shelter, however the work officers were to carry out was an examination of the condition of the Town Shelters and any other provision needed was still outstanding.
- 3.2 In order to meet member's requirements on this particular matter the Chief Executive has exercised her urgent delegated authority following consultation with the appropriate members.
- 3.3 The New Bus Shelter installation is being progressed and it is anticipated that it will be in place by the end of January 2013. In regards to the study of the condition of the town centre bus shelter provision this is currently underway and when concluded presented to the Council's Programme Board prior to the Town Area Working Group for consideration, however, in time for this committee's June Committee cycle as approved by the Chief Executive.

4. POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is provision within the Council's Constitution for the Chief Executive to exercise her urgent delegated authority.
- 4.2 There are some links to the town centre in relation to viability and vitality.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is a Capital allocation of £18,000 within the capital programme for the whole project. Of this approx £4,000 will be allocated for the new Bus Shelter on Asfordby Road. The remainder will be reviewed after consideration of the Business Plan following the condition study of the existing Town Centre Bus Shelter provision. Further decisions on whether it is appropriate to allocate capital or revenue funds will be determined following that consideration and presented to members for approval.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct legal implications

7. EQUALITIES

- 7.1 No direct Equalities issues have been identified.

8. RISKS

- 8.1 No direct Risks have been identified.

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1 The Chief Executive has consulted with the appropriate members prior to exercising her authority.

10. WARDS AFFECTED

- 10.1 Wards within Melton Mowbray.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE

- 11.1 There are no direct Climate Change Issues

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Appendices: None

Background papers: None

Reference: Council, C'tees & Sub-C'tees/REEA/2012-13/09-01-12/Bus Shelter Update