

# Environment Development and Transport Committee

Item No.

<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Decisions taken under delegated authority</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>16 September 2016</b>
<b>Responsible Chief Officer:</b>	<b>Tom McCabe – Executive Director of Community and Environmental Services</b>
<b>Strategic impact</b> It is important that there is transparency in decision making processes to enable Members and the public to hold the Council to account.	

## Executive summary

This report sets out other relevant decisions taken under delegated powers by the Executive Director within the Terms of Reference of this Committee, since the last meeting in July 2016, up to the time of writing this report (31 August 2016).

**Recommendations:**  
**To note the report.**

## 1. Proposal

- 1.1. The report sets out in 2.1 (below) any delegated decisions within the Terms of Reference of this Committee that are reported by the Executive Director as being of public interest, financially material or contentious. Future delegated decisions will also be reported to this Committee for information.

## 2. Evidence

- 2.1. Six relevant delegated decisions are set out below, in date order.

**Subject:** **Petition asking Norfolk County Council to rethink its flawed 'Silica Review' before 27 June 2016**

**Decision:** A response has been sent to the Lead Petitioner saying that it was not appropriate for Norfolk County Council to reconsider the Silica Sand Review before the close of the formal representations period on 27 June 2016 as we would not have been able to take into account all of the representations received before coming to a decision. Information on the next steps in the process-was also provided to the Lead Petitioner.

**Taken by:** CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby), Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs) and Local Members (Cllr John Dobson, Cllr Brian Long and Cllr Toby Coke)

**Taken on:** 7 July 2016

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**Subject: Petition for Norfolk County Council to remove area AOS A from the list of potential sites for silica sand extraction**

Decision taken: A response has been sent to the Lead Petitioner to let them know that this petition will be recorded as a duly made representation objecting to AOS A, as part of the representations period on the Pre-Submission version of the Silica Sand Review. Information on the next steps in the process was also provided to the Lead Petitioner.

Taken by: CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby), Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs) and Local Member (Cllr John Dobson)

Taken on: 8 July 2016

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**Subject: Three Rivers Way Cycle Way Project – Hoveton to Horning Cycleway**

Decision taken: As part of the Project, a 3.7km existing and inadequate footway was upgraded to enable both cycling and walking along the route. A Cycleway Conversation Order was needed to allow this shared pedestrian and cyclist use. A public consultation was carried out and, following consideration of the responses, the Order was approved and sealed as advertised.

Taken by: CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby) and Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs)

Taken on: 20 July 2016

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**Subject: Petition asking for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit and an electronic sign on corner to show maximum speed incorporating a sign stating slow-concealed entrance on Strickland Avenue, Snettisham**

Decision taken: Letter sent to the Lead Petitioner saying that we are not able to agree to any of the requests at this stage, with reasons to explain why. This included that the road has a good safety record with no personal injury accidents in the last five years, there is already a 7½ tonne weight restriction in place and it does not meet the criteria for a 20mph speed limit or vehicle activated signs. Also

suggested the Lead Petitioner contact Snettisham Parish Council as they have a temporary flashing speed limit sign that could be used at this location.

Taken by: CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby), Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs) and Local Member (Cllr John Dobson)

Taken on: 26 July 2016

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**Subject: Modifications to the Silica Sand Review of the Minerals Site Specific Allocations Plan**

Decision taken: To publish modifications to the Silica Sand Review for a six week representations period from 14 September to 27 October 2016. Further details are available to view on the website at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/policies-and-strategies/minerals-and-waste-planning-policies/silica-sand-review>

Taken by: Taken by: CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby), Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs)

Taken on: 10 August 2016

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**Subject: Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing to be installed on A148 Cromer Road, High Kelling following a recent fatal pedestrian accident**

Decision taken: The County Council has commissioned a study to take forward a number of proposals to improve conditions for pedestrians at this location, and a letter has been sent to the Lead Petitioner with details of these. They include removing the bus stop/shelter and hard standing on the southern side of the A148 (based on a recommendation by Norfolk Constabulary), upgrading the existing bus stop on the southern side of C488 Cromer Road and constructing a short section of footway to create a crossing point, and cutting back overgrown trees and vegetation.

Taken by: CES Executive Director (Tom McCabe) in consultation with the Chair (Cllr Martin Wilby), Vice Chair (Cllr Jonathan Childs) and Local Member (Cllr Michael Baker)

Taken on: 16 August 2016

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### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1. There are no direct financial implications flowing directly from members noting this report. However the delegated decisions themselves often have significant financial implications that would be managed within existing budgets.

### **4. Issues, risks and innovation**

- 4.1. There are no other relevant implications to be considered by Members.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1. There are no background papers relevant to the preparation of this report.

### **Officer Contact**

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