

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Monday, 9th January, 2017

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor T Cox (Chair)
Councillors T Byford (Vice-Chair) and M Flewitt

In Attendance: Councillors B Arscott, M Assenheim, S Aylen, M Borton, S Buckley, M Butler, T Callaghan, D Garston, J Garston, S Habermel, J Lamb, C Mulroney, M Terry, J Ware-Lane and R Woodley
P Geraghty, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 9.10 pm

575 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

576 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Assenheim – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of the Patients Forum of the Doctor's Surgery in Tyrone Road;

(b) Councillor Aylen – Agenda Item No. 5 – (Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders – Belfairs Park Drive) – Non-pecuniary interest: Friends live in the street;

(c) Councillor Byford – Agenda Item No. 4 – (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Parliament for the Rochford and Southend East Constituency lives in Tyrone Road and is known to him;

(d) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 6 (Petition for Action on Excessive Speeds, Wells Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Brother Lives in the road;

(e) Councillor Cox – Agenda Item No. 4 – (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Parliament for the Rochford and Southend East Constituency lives in Tyrone Road and is known to him;

(f) Councillor D Garston – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Salisbury Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives in the street;

- (g) Councillor D Garston – Agenda Item No. 5 – (Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders – Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives nearby;
- (h) Councillor D Garston – Agenda Item No. 8 – (Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives nearby;
- (i) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Salisbury Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member lives in the street;
- (j) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 5 – (Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders – Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives nearby;
- (k) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 8 – (Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, Westcliff Parade) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives nearby;
- (l) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 4 – (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Residents in the streets are known to him;
- (m) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 11 – (Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls, Roots Hall Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Season Ticket Holder at Southend United FC;
- (n) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 4 – (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in Tyrone Road.

577 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd November 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

578 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders - Various Locations

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals within the Borough.

The Cabinet Committee also had before it a supplementary report which informed Members of the representations that had been received in respect of some additional statutory notices for proposed traffic regulation orders that had recently been published. The deadline for representations to these proposals had closed after the publication of the Agenda. The Chairman agreed that these items be considered at this meeting as urgent additional items to enable the matters to be determined before the end of the financial year. A copy of the supplementary report was circulated at the meeting.

The reports sought the Cabinet Committee's approval on the way forward in respect of all of these proposals, after having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party the Traffic & Parking Working Party following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That, subject to the exclusion of the proposals relating to Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2016 as advertised and the order be sealed accordingly.

2. That the proposed amendment of the waiting restrictions from 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays to 11.00 a.m. to noon Mondays to Fridays in Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road be not progressed.

3. That The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2016 be confirmed, subject to the deletions form the Order set out below, and sealed accordingly

(i) Introduction of “No Waiting At Any Time” parking restrictions on the following lengths of Western Road:

South Side – Outside No. 48 Western Road
South Side – Outside Nos 118 and 120 Western Road.

(ii) Revocations – No Waiting at any time in Western Road Item Nos. 109669 and 109616

4. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Moving Traffic and Speed Limit) Order 2006 (as amended) (Amendment No 2) Order 2016 as advertised and that the order be sealed accordingly.

Reason for Decision

The proposals aim to improve the operation of the existing parking controls to contribute to highway safety and to reduce congestion.

Other Options

Do nothing - highway safety could be compromised and congestion could increase.

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Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee:
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

579 Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought Members' approval to authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in Appendix 1 to the report, in accordance with the statutory processes and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the relevant orders to be sealed and implement the proposals.

The Cabinet Committee also had before it a supplementary report which updated Members on the request for the removal of the seasonal restrictions in Walton Road and Clieveden Road following the discussion of this matter at the last meeting (Minute 423 refers). The Chairman agreed that these items be considered at this meeting as urgent additional items to enable the matters to be determined before the end of the financial year. A copy of the supplementary report was circulated at the meeting.

Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:-

Resolved:

1. That officers be requested to prepare detailed proposals for a pedestrian crossing in Western Esplanade between the Casino and the junction with Shorefield Road for consideration.
2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order to extend the existing permit parking controls around the Cliffs Pavilion area to include the section of Westcliff Parade between Westcliff Avenue, Wilson Road, Westcliff Parade and Cambridge Road and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed.
3. That the current seasonal restrictions in Clieveden Road and Walton Road remain unchanged.

Reason for Decision

Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

Other Options

Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate

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Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

580 Petition for Action on Excessive Speeds, Wells Avenue

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Wells Avenue requesting action on excessive speeds of vehicles travelling in the road. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:-

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the situation be monitored and a further survey be undertaken in March/April, the dates for which be agreed in consultation with the Ward Councillors.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the low incidence of excessive speeds evidenced.

Other Options

Future proposals may result in area wide speed reductions, but at this time, enforcement action is an appropriate option.

Do nothing – Road safety could be compromised.

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Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee:
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

581 Request for Waiting Restrictions - Belfairs Park Drive

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning a request for waiting restrictions to be implemented in Belfairs Park Drive. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:-

Resolved:

That the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to introduce part week limited waiting restrictions in Belfairs Park Drive the times of which to be determined in consultation with the Ward Councillors and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the request from residents

Other Options

Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

582 Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, Westcliff Parade

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition comprising 131 signatures requesting the traffic flow of Westcliff Parade be amended to one-way. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to amend the traffic flow in the section of Western Parade from Wilson Road to Trinity Road to one-way westwards.
3. That it be noted that due to the current workload, the proposals will not be progressed until after April 2017.

Reason for Decision

To reflect residents views while meeting the parking needs of the local community.

Other Options

There are two options. Take no action. An alternative option is to prohibit parking on one side of the road, however given the parking difficulties in the area, this is likely to negatively impact on residents.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

583 Petition for One-Way Traffic Flow, St Luke's Road

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a survey undertaken by the Parish Church involving 18 residents of St Luke's Road. The resulting petition requested that the traffic flow be amended to one-way (Eastwards) from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That Father McClusky be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to amend the traffic flow in the section of St Luke's Road from Bournemouth Park Road to Ely Road to one-way.
3. That it be noted that due to the current workload, the proposals will not be progressed until after April 2017.

Reason for Decision

To reflect residents views while meeting the parking needs of the local community.

Other Options

Take no action. The single recorded accident does not involve circumstances, which can be remedied by engineering measures and as such, taking no action will not compromise safety, however the proposal will reduce conflict between drivers without reducing parking availability for community activities.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

584 Petition for Removal of Waiting Restrictions, Centurion Close Shoebury

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Centurion Close requesting removal of recently introduced waiting restrictions at and around the junction of Lowry Close. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That consideration of this matter be deferred pending the outcome of the recently submitted application for planning permission in the road and that officers be requested to liaise with the officer of the local planning authority as regards any necessary traffic regulation orders, parking or other highway works that may be required.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the existing policy and practice regarding waiting restrictions around junctions and to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

Other Options

Remove the waiting restrictions. This is not recommended as the location is a junction and the restrictions provided maintain a clear area of visibility for road users.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

585 Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls, Roots Hall Avenue

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition signed by 16 residents of Roots Hall Avenue requesting Permit Parking Controls to deter non-resident parking. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order to introduce a Permit Parking Area in Roots Hall Avenue and review all existing waiting restrictions in the street. The operational hours of the parking scheme to be determined in consultation with the residents of Roots hall Avenue.
3. That in the event that no objections are received to the proposal, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and arrange for the proposals to be implemented.

Reasons for Decision

To manage parking.

Other Options

Take no further action. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and success from other permit parking style controls demonstrates that we can improve the parking situation for residents by introducing controls.

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586 Update on Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls, Southend East

Further to Minute 253 of its meeting held on 19th September 2016, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of discussions between Ward Councillors for Southchurch, Thorpe and Kursaal wards to discuss a petition signed by 324 residents of the roads north of Southend East Railway Station requesting parking controls to deter all day parking by commuters. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the concerns of Ward Members regarding any proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be noted.
2. That no further action is to be taken in respect of the proposals to introduce a Permit Parking Area in the streets detailed in Appendix 1 to this report Deputy Chief Executive (Place).
3. That the proposals for hardening parts of the verge in Riviera Drive be progressed.
4. That a report be prepared for Members' consideration on sustainable materials including details of costs and implications.

Reasons for Decision

To reflect Members views on the impact to the wider area of a Permit Parking Area being introduced in the area shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

Other Options

Introduce the Permit Parking Area. While this is an option, support for similar controls in the wider area is unlikely leading to the parking issue being moved elsewhere rather than resolved.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

587 Petition Requesting Pedestrian Crossing, Waiting Restrictions and a School Crossing Patrol, Darlinghurst Grove Leigh on Sea - Information Item

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition signed by school users requesting a pedestrian crossing facility, waiting restrictions and a school crossing patrol to be provided in Darlinghurst Grove. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

That the petition be noted and that officers assess the location and provide a report of the findings to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee.

Reason for Decision

To meet the needs of the local community while ensuring highway safety and flow of traffic.

Other Options

Do nothing – the assessment of this location for the measures will identify if the implementation of any proposals meet the relevant criteria and are appropriate.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

588 Petition for Maintenance Works, Ashleigh Drive Leigh on Sea

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition from residents of Ashleigh Drive highlighting the state of footways and carriageways and requesting that the Council rectify this as soon as possible. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for compiling the petition.
2. That no further action be taken at this time for the reasons detailed in the report.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the existing practice of a need based work programme.

Other Options

Resurface the carriageway and footways. Resurfacing and major works are planned under a forward programme. Inclusion in the programme is based on the need for repairs and prioritised according to the condition and to include Ashleigh Drive in the programme prior to that planned will result in planned works for a road with more serious defects being delayed. Budgets are limited and need based prioritisation is a fair and consistent manner by which to manage the required works within these budgets.

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589 Number of Residential Parking Permits Allowed Per Household

The Cabinet Committee considered the decision of the Traffic & Parking Working Party regarding the Council's policy relating to the number of residential parking permits household were allowed to purchase. This item had been requested by Councillor Ware-Lane in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35.1 (d).

Resolved:

That officer prepare a report for consideration by the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to include details of the number of permits for residents in town centre, access to parking the town for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors and parking charges, to help inform the development of a Parking Strategy for the Borough.

Reason for Decision

To help inform the development of a parking strategy.

Other Options

Do nothing or allow more permits to be issued – Parking space is limited in the town centre and the development of a parking strategy will ensure a robust and informed decision on parking matters.

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Chairman: _____