

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 9th March, 2017

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor T Cox (Chair)
Councillors T Byford (Vice-Chair) and J Lamb*
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors M Assenheim, S Ayles, M Borton, T Callaghan,
J Garston, R Hadley, C Mulroney, M Stafford, M Terry, C Walker,
N Ward and J Ware-Lane
P Geraghty, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

839 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Flewitt (Substitute: Councillor Lamb).

840 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Borton – Agenda Item No. 9 (Additional Parking Spaces around the Seaway Car Park Area – Non-pecuniary interest: Fellow Councillor lives in Pleasant Road;

(b) Councillor Byford – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations: The Maze) – Non-pecuniary interest: Ward Councillor and has assisted residents in the road;

(c) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 5 (Members' Request List: Request Reference No. 16/07 – Waiting Restrictions in Campfield Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows the owner of a business in this location;

(d) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Lucy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Taxi Driver;

(e) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Southchurch Avenue) – Pecuniary interest: Owns a property at this location (withdrew).

841 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

842 **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 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 following amendments, the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (High Street Shoeburyness) (Zone SH) (Prohibition of Waiting & Permit Parking Places) Order 2017 be confirmed as advertised (including the introduction of the waiting restriction in Terminal Close):

(i) The following roads only shall be included in the permit parking area:

Dane Street, George Street, Hinguar Street, High Street Shoeburyness (from East Gate northwards to a point opposite the southern boundary of Grove Lodge only) John Street, Rampart Street, Rampart Terrace and, Smith Street.

(ii) The following disabled parking bays shall remain advisory bays only:

Friars Street o/s Nos. 6, 20, & 1C;
Waking Avenue o/s No. 20; and
High Street Shoebury o/s No. 106.

(iii) That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices for the introduction of limited waiting "pay and display" parking bays in Rampart Street and subject to there being no objections received following statutory notice, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

(iv) That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices for the introduction of the use of the East Beach Car Park by commuters, the hours of which to accommodate the time of the first train departure from Shoeburyness Station and an appropriate closing time in the evening.

(v) That an appropriate marketing campaign be undertaken to deter commuter parking in the residential streets in the area around Shoeburyness Station (as illustrated in the plan attached to the draft order) and to encourage the use of East Beach Car Park instead.

(vi) That the impact of the traffic regulation order as amended be reviewed during the first six months from the date of implementation to ascertain whether the scheme should be extended to include the roads in the original proposals if necessary.

2. That no further action be taken in respect of the proposals for Belle Vue Road, Southend on Sea and that 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. 1) Order 2017 with the exclusion of Belle Vue Road.

3. That no further action be taken in respect of the proposals for Rayleigh Road, Leigh on Sea and that 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 2017 with the exclusion of Rayleigh Road.

4. That consideration of the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions in The Maze be deferred.

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

Each proposal 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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843 Members' Request List

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the requests received from Members of the Council together with officers' recommendations relating to those requests. The Appendix setting out each request, together with officers' comments and recommendation in respect of each of the requests was circulated at the meeting.

The Council's Team Leader - Traffic Management and Road Safety Team also reported orally on two additional requests that had been received since the publication of the Agenda. These related to the review of the waiting restrictions recently installed in Elm Road, Leigh on Sea and excessive vehicle movements in the Prince Avenue service road during works along this section of the A127.

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

Resolved:

1. That the update in respect of the following requests as set out in the report be noted:

Request Reference No. 15/07 – Pedestrian Crossing in Elmsleigh Drive near Rayleigh Drive;

Request Reference No. 15/19 – Introduction of a one way system in Saxon Gardens;

Request Reference No. 16/01 – Introduction of waiting restrictions or a parking management scheme to deter airport parking in Rochford Road service road;

Request Reference No. 16/04 – Hardening of verges in Silversea Avenue;

Request Reference No. 16//07 – Introduction of waiting restrictions on the bend in Campfield Road, Shoeburyness by Cumberland Packaging;

Request Reference No. 16/11 – Introduction of waiting restrictions in Colbert Avenue west of church; and

Request Reference No. 17/02 – Hardening of verges in Mansell Close;

2. That, with regard to request reference no. 15/18 regarding the creation of new parking facilities and the review of waiting restrictions in Saxon Gardens, Delaware Crescent, Blyth Avenue and Bunters Avenue, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order for the amendment of any areas of waiting restrictions suitable for reduction or removal throughout the borough as and when identified during the 17/18 financial year.

3. That no further action be taken in respect of the following requests and that they be removed from the list:

Request Reference No. 17/01 – Introduction of waiting restrictions in Walters Close; and

Request Reference No. 17/03(a) – Introduction of informal horse crossing signage at A127 and Progress Road Junction.

4. That, with regard to request reference no. 17/04, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order for the introduction of a borough-wide prohibition of the offering the sale of vehicles parked in formal parking bays and subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to arrange for the order to be sealed.

5. That, with regard to the request to review the waiting restrictions recently installed in Elm Road, Leigh on Sea, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order for the removal of the waiting restrictions outside the surgery at 84 Elem Road.

6. That the request to address excessive vehicle movements in the Prince Avenue service road during works at this location, be retained on the list to enable further investigations to undertaken and any appropriate controls to be identified.

7. That consideration of request reference No. 17/03 (b) regarding the introduction of weight restriction signage at A127 and The Fairway Junction be deferred.

Reasons for Decision

To provide a rationalised and consistent management and decision-making process for all formal requests for highways and traffic management improvements by Ward Councillors via the Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee.

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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844 Requests for Waiting Restrictions

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.

With reference to the request to amend the existing hackney carriage stand to shared hackney carriage stand and parking bays, the Cabinet Committee was informed that the appointment, removal and amendment to hackney carriage stands were a matter for the Council's Licensing Committee. Any proposals would therefore need to be referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

The proposals for the amendment of the existing limited waiting bays on the north side of Marine Parade, Southend on Sea to coach drop off and loading bays and the amendment of the existing disabled drop off point on the south side of Marine Parade to shared disabled and coach drop off point were considered in conjunction with Agenda Item No. 9 of this meeting entitled "Additional Parking Spaces around the Seaway Car Park Area".

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

Resolved:

1. 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 amend the existing waiting restrictions in Lucy Road, Southend on Sea to provide parking bays and a loading area and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.
2. That subject to the approval by the Council's Licensing Committee, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order to

amend the existing hackney carriage stand in Lucy Road to a shared space to enable then introduction of “pay and display” parking bays from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily and a hackney carriage stand at all other times and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

3. 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 provide a coach drop-off point south of Woodgrange Drive, and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

4. 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 introduce permit parking controls in the area around Heygate Avenue, Herbert Grove Chancellor Road, and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

5. That consideration of the proposals in respect of Marine Parade, Southend on Sea be deferred pending a site visit, to which the Members of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and representatives of the seafront traders be invited to attend and that, subject to the outcome of the site visit, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste and Cleansing, be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order to introduce, amend or remove restrictions as may be required and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decisions:

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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845 Darlington Grove, Leigh-on-Sea

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a petition comprising 277 signatures requesting the provision of a School Crossing Patrol Officer and parking enforcement activity in the area of Darlington School. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That the comments set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report be noted and that no further action be taken in respect of the provision of a School Crossing Patrol Officer on the basis that this site does not meet the national criterion set by Road Safety GB for provision of such facilities
- 3 That the comments set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report be noted and that no further action be taken in respect of the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility.
4. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order for the installation of loading restrictions on Darlinghurst Grove adjacent to the raised crossing point and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed.

Reason for Decisions

To reflect the outcome of the investigations and ensuring best use of limited resources.

Other Options

Other options that may be considered are to agree to the petitioners' request. However, as this report sets out, the site does not meet the accepted assessment criteria.

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846 Station Road Pedestrian Crossing

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the results of an investigation to assess requests for pedestrian crossing facility in Station Road, Thorpe Bay. Having regard to the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the results of the investigations be noted and that no further action be taken in respect of the formal pedestrian crossing facility at this location.
2. That officers be requested to investigate the possibility of alternative engineering solutions to assist pedestrians crossing in this area such as an "island" or "pedestrian refuge" and the possibility of introducing a formal pedestrian crossing facility at an alternative location in the street.

Reasons for Decisions

The recommendation is in accordance with the agreed policy on the assessment of pedestrian facilities.

Other Options

Agree to install a crossing facility. This would be contrary to the agreed policy to provide a facility at a location with low levels of activity. A pedestrian refuge has also been considered to allow pedestrians to cross the road in two stages; however the width of the road prevents this option from being pursued.

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847 Additional Parking Spaces around the Seaway Car Park Area

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of a request from the Seafront Traders Association for additional parking places along streets adjacent to the seafront and surrounding Seaway Car Park. This item was considered in conjunction with the request to amend the existing limited waiting bays on the north side of Marine Parade, Southend on Sea to coach drop off and loading bays and the amendment of the existing disabled drop off point on the south side of Marine Parade to shared disabled and coach drop off point as set out in Agenda Item No. 6 of this meeting entitled "Requests for Waiting Restrictions". It was noted that the Seaway Car Park would not be included as part of the review. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

That consideration of the request be deferred pending a site visit, to which the Members of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and representatives of the seafront traders be invited to attend and that, subject to the outcome of the site visit, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste and Cleansing, be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order to introduce, amend or remove restrictions as may be required and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decision

To assess the suitability, feasibility and impact of any proposals on the potential for improving parking in the area and recommended where appropriate.

Other Options

Do Nothing – Parking problems may occur as a result.

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Chairman: _____