

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

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Report of Corporate Director for Place
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition – Propose Waiting Restrictions, Salisbury Road, Leigh on Sea Received
Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received with 48 signatories which requests the provision of waiting restrictions to deter commuter parking in Salisbury Road Leigh on Sea.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- (i) Note the petition ; and,**
- (ii) Note officers comments in para 3.7 and agree for officers to support ward Members by analysing the results of their consultation and further agree that the results will be reported to this committee when completed for consideration as to any further action.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Various measures have been undertaken in the area of Leigh Railway Station to deter commuter parking.
- 3.2 A large number of roads in the area are subject to a waiting prohibition for one hour of the day which prevents commuters from leaving their vehicles in the residential streets.
- 3.3 Further restrictions were implemented as a result of a request from a ward Member resulting in parking being further displaced within the area.
- 3.4 Salisbury Road is fairly narrow and to accommodate their vehicles, motorists are parking partially on the footway which is impeding pedestrian movements.
- 3.5 Residents have signed a petition requesting that waiting restrictions are proposed to deter the parking which would also prevent parking on the footway.
- 3.6 Members are aware that any measures to deter problem parking should be undertaken on an area wide basis rather than selecting individual streets as this

merely displaces the parking elsewhere. The recent measures as mentioned in para 3.3 have also displaced parking in to a number of other streets and residents from these areas are also requesting action. Officers have suggested to the ward Members that it may be beneficial to include areas of Leigh Ward in this process.

- 3.7 Officers have advised ward Members that the area should be considered rather than these isolated areas and have further advised that a consultation should be undertaken in accordance with the Parking Scheme Policy.
- 3.8 Officers have provided ward Members with a suggested area for the consultation, questions to be included within the consultation and if required, can provide a full postal address listing of the area.
- 3.9 Officers will undertake collation and analysis of the results for Members and report the results to this Committee when completed.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Other options that may be considered are to agree to the petitioners' request. However, as this report sets out, working in isolated areas is not beneficial and merely displaces parking elsewhere.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To meet the requirements of the Parking Scheme Policy as agreed in January 2014.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

- 6.1.1 Local Transport and Implementation Plan, Safe and Prosperous.

6.2 Financial Implications

- 6.2.1 If approved, any works will be met through existing budgets.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 Any changes to waiting and loading restrictions are progressed in accordance with statutory requirements.

6.4 People Implications

- 6.4.1 All necessary works will be undertaken by existing staff.

6.5 Property Implications

- 6.5.1 None.

6.6 Consultation

- 6.6.1 The recommendation is to undertake a consultation in accordance with the Parking Scheme Policy.

6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

6.7.1 The prioritisation of the Traffic & Parking Working Party's programme is on the basis of improving safety, reducing accidents or improving traffic flows. The objectives of improving safety takes account of all users of the public highway including those with disabilities.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

6.8.1 None.

6.9 *Value for Money*

6.9.1 The recommendation is considered to give the best value for money considering the Council's limited resources.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

6.10.1 The prioritisation of the Councils' Working Party's programme is on the basis of reducing accidents or improving traffic flows and takes into account the implications for community safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

6.11.1 All schemes are designed to improve quality of local environment

7. Background Papers

7.1 Parking Scheme Policy

8. Appendices

8.1. None