

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise,
Tourism and the Environment
to

Traffic & Parking Working Party

on

12th February 2009

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Members Requests for Parking, Crossing, Speed & Road Safety Schemes

Executive Councillor: Councillor Mrs Waite

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on progress of Member's Requests as listed in Appendix 1

2. Recommendation

That the following be noted:

- i. A new design to the traffic signals to the Thames Drive / Marine Parade junction are being carried out. (Ref. C3)**
- ii. That the committee authorise the design to be carried out for the provision of new pedestrian crossing at the Queensway / Southchurch Avenue junction. (Ref. C4)**
- iii. The pedestrian/traffic counts have been completed in Woodgrange Drive near Brunswick Road (Ref. C6), Station Road Thorpe Bay (Ref. C7) and Southchurch Boulevard (Ref C8). The comments are included in Appendix 1.**
- iv. Speed measurements have been undertaken in Harridge Road (Low priority Ref. S2), Feeches Road (Environmental room Ref. S3) and Woodgrange Drive near Chelworth (Mobile enforcement request Ref. S5). The comments are included in Appendix 1.**
- v. Your attention is drawn to additional comments in Appendix 1 on, Harp House Roundabout (Delay to count Ref. C5), Eastwood Park Close (H-bar Ref. P13), Prittlewell Square (Ref. P12), Hamlet Court Road (Ref. M5), Fairfax Drive (Ref. P7), and Wick Chase (Ref P8).**

3. Background

This report is an update on the report, which went to Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee on 17th December 2008. This report is working towards prioritisation of the councillor's requests.

4. Corporate Implications

4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

None at present until schemes developed but generally they add to Customer Satisfaction by reducing concerns about road safety, parking and improve the environment and street scene.

4.2 Financial Implications

An estimated sum of £4,850 is to be spent from the LTP programme to cover the cost of the design for Queensway pedestrian crossing.

4.3 Legal Implications

Implementation of some schemes will require traffic regulation orders and notices, which will follow the statutory legal processes.

4.4 People Implications

The work to implement these schemes can be met within existing staff resources or supported by the Council's term consultant for highway works.

4.5 Property Implications

None

4.6 Consultation

Most schemes will involve informal and formal consultation.

4.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The proposals for all schemes will consider those with physical mobility, limitations and make improvements for those with visual impairments as far as possible.

4.8 Risk Assessment

None at present.

4.9 Value for Money

All work will be designed in house or with the use of Term consultants and implemented by term contractors. All contracts have been tendered in competition and in accordance with Procurement Guidelines and demonstrate value for money.

4.10 Community Safety Implications

We are yet to prioritise the schemes but community safety will directly benefit through the schemes, which contribute towards improvement to road safety, parking and reduced traffic speed.

4.11 Environmental Impact

There will be local environmental improvement through, reduction of speed, improved road safety and parking schemes.

5. Background Papers

Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee report on 6th November 2008 and 17th December 2008, including Appendix 1, and project file number TH/P/5004.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Members Request 22 Jan 09

Note: Sections are labelled for ease of reference:

P for Parking pages 1 to 4

C for Crossing Facilities pages 4 to 7

S for Speeding/Road Safety pages 7 to 10

M for Miscellaneous pages 10 and 11