

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and  
the Environment

to

**Traffic and Parking Working Party and  
Cabinet Committee**

on

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Agenda  
Item No.**

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## **Traffic Regulation Orders – Information Item**

**Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark Flewitt**

***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report is to inform the Traffic and Parking Working Party of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Council in relation to the terms of references of this committee.

### **2. Recommendation**

That the Traffic and Parking Working Party note the proposal.

### **3. Background**

3.1 Requests to advertise Traffic Regulation Orders are regularly presented to the Committee for consideration, most requests arise through public concern or via ward Members.

3.2 All requests are assessed by officers and those cases where the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order will reduce potential or actual hazards or improve traffic flow are referred to the Cabinet Committee for approval to advertise.

3.3 The proposal is to amend this process and permit the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders without prior approval of the Cabinet Committee but in consultation with the chair of the committee.

3.4 Any proposals which result in comments from road users or residents will of course be submitted to the Traffic and parking Working Party for their consideration therefore any contentious proposals will be subject to Member approval.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Retain the existing process. The Committee timetable can lead to a delay in processing requests for advertisement. Amending the process to allow for advertisement of proposals without prior approval will considerably improve the timescale by which we are able to address these issues.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To improve the timescales in which we are able to respond to concerns.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The proposal is based on an improvement to the service we provide.

- 6.2 Financial Implications

None

- 6.3 Legal Implications

The formal statutory consultative process will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the legislation and all comments received reported back to the Committee for consideration which is required by statute.

- 6.4 People Implications

Staff time currently spent on compiling the reports and appendices can be redirected to progressing proposals.

- 6.5 Property Implications

None

- 6.6 Consultation

Formal consultation will be undertaken including advertisement of the proposal in the local press and on the street.

#### **7. Background Papers**

None

#### **8. Appendices**

None