Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and the Environment

To

Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee

On

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Agenda Item No.

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Support Regarding the Changing of Parking Restrictions in Glendale Gardens Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide a recommended course of action with regard to letters of support presented to officers requesting the changing of parking restrictions in Glendale Gardens, Leigh on Sea.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- (i) Agree to re-advertise the original proposals of removing the alternate monthly restriction and introducing waiting restrictions;
- (ii) Note that the re-advertisement process will not include a notice in the press as the previous advertisement is still valid; and
- (iii) Note that residents will be advised of the proposals by letter and notices on the street and all other statutory consultees will be advised of the proposal by letter.

3. Background

- 3.1 In March 2011, proposals to remove the existing alternating monthly restriction in Glendale Gardens were advertised resulting in 5 letters of objection from residents and 1 objection form Leigh Town Council. Members considered the objections in June 2011 and agreed not to proceed with the proposals. Officers were also instructed to consider other options.
- 3.2 Glendale Gardens is a fairly narrow distributor road and providing parking on both sides of the road while maintaining an adequate carriageway width is not possible.
- 3.3 The original proposal entailed the removal of the alternating monthly restriction and the provision of waiting restrictions on one side of the road to maintain adequate carriageway width however the areas of restrictions were staggered,

- so as to prevent long stretches of unobstructed carriageway which can encourage inappropriate speeds.
- 3.4 Ward Councillors expressed concern as they had received a number of requests for the alternate month restriction to be changed and issued a questionnaire to each property to assess the levels of support.
- 3.5 70 responses were received, 49 supporting the original proposal; 21 against and 6 expressing no opinion.

4. Other Options

4.1 Take no further action. Residents have been consulted previously and to direct resources to re-visit previous proposals may not be appropriate. It should be considered that as no formal press notice will be published, the resources to re consult residents will be minimal.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 The recommendation is in accordance with residents views.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities
- 6.1.1 The recommendations are consistent with the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities.
- 6.2 Financial Implications
- 6.2.1 Use of existing budgets for any resulting works.
- 6.3 Legal Implications
- 6.3.1 The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.
- 6.4 People Implications
- 6.4.1 Neutral
- 6.5 Property Implications
- 6.5.1 Neutral
- 6.6 Consultation
- 6.6.1 The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements. Any affected persons will be advised by letter and notices on the affected street of the proposals.
- 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications
- 6.7.1 None
- 6.8 Risk Assessment
- 6.8.1 None
- 6.9 Value for Money
- 6.9.1 To reconsider the proposal at this stage could save costs of re-advertisement at a later date.
- 6.10 Community Safety Implications

- 6.10.1 Neutral
- 6.11 Environmental Impact
- 6.11.1 Neutral
- 7. Background Papers
- 7.1 None
- 8. Appendices
- 8.1 None