

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

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Agenda
Item No.

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Members Requests List

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee to note progress on previously agreed Members' Request" and consider new requests and Officers' recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Cabinet Committee consider the views of the Working Party and Officer recommendations on each of the proposals as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, and agree:
- a) To proceed with Officers' recommendation, or
 - b) To proceed with Officers' recommendation, with amendments, or
 - c) To take no further action

3. Background

- 3.1 Members may formally request highway and traffic improvement works to be considered. These requests vary from requests minor traffic, road safety and parking initiatives and may include new pedestrian crossing facilities, traffic speed, road safety and residents parking schemes.
- 3.2 Officers undertake initial assessments and investigate requests when resources allow and make recommendations to the Cabinet Committee enabling Members' to make informed decisions based on the findings.
- 3.3 Resources are allocated to investigate as many new "Members Requests" as possible, within the constraints of funding availability, competing work programme priorities and Cabinet Committee decisions.

- 3.4 Officers' recommendations have been made based on findings of the investigation and/or the outcome of surveys/consultations. Any further updates with appropriate Officer recommendations will be presented to future Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee meetings for their consideration and decision, as and when they become available.
- 3.5 It needs to be noted that once a formal conclusion has been reached on the individual items, to the agreement of the Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee, these will be removed from the list and where appropriate, added to the work programme for future prioritisation.
- 3.4 Officers will keep requesting Members updated of their individual requests and will inform them of the any consultations, findings, investigations, the recommendations and reasons thereof, as well as the decisions made by this Committee.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 To provide a rationalised 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. This enables the Cabinet Committee to making informed decisions within the overall context of priorities and workload.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The Members Requests List is a mechanism for Ward Councillors to request works outside of the programmed works schedule and to identify potential safety issues which have been raised by their constituents as a key safety concern. As such this approach contributes to a 'Safer Southend'.

5.2 Financial Implications

Requests which are recommended for any action will be funded via existing funding resources. However, the budgetary resources are limited and where additional funding is required outside of the agreed budgets and work programmes, appropriate bids for funding will be prepared and submitted to the funding group/organisation for their consideration and decision and the implementation of the scheme will be subject to funding.

5.3 Legal Implications

Where requests involve any requirement for a Traffic Regulation Order, the relevant statutory procedures will be followed including the requirement for formal consultation with affected frontagers' and advertisement in the local press.

5.4 People Implications

There are limitations in staff time and an increase in Members' requests can place additional strain on resources which may lead to delays in investigations and reporting back to the Working Party and the Cabinet Sub Committee.

5.5 Property Implications

None

5.6 Consultation

Formal and informal consultation will be carried out, as required, and directed by this Committee. In addition all ward councillors are to be informed of the consultation process prior to its commencement.

6. Background Papers

None

7 Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 –Updated Members Requests List