

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Enterprise, Tourism and
the Environment

To

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

On

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Agenda
Item No.

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Petition Regarding Amendment to the Hospital Parking Management Scheme Operational Hours

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from 262 signatories calling for changes to the operational hours of the Hospital Parking Management Scheme.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Traffic & Parking Working Party note the petition and recommend to the Cabinet Committee that no further action be taken at this time.**

- 2.2 **That the Cabinet Committee agrees that no further action be taken at this time**

3. Background

- 3.1 In 2011, a Parking Management Scheme was implemented around Southend Hospital to improve parking availability for residents, maintain traffic flow and improve safety.

- 3.2 The scheme operates from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

- 3.3 Parents, carers and other interested parties have signed a petition calling for the operational hours to be reduced to 3pm, or provision of free parking bays with a limit of 30 minutes waiting time or a change to the existing restrictions in the roads around the school to prohibit parking at certain times of day in order to prevent all day parking by non residents but still allow for school drop off and pick up.

- 3.4 Proposing any of the suggestions would require full statutory consultation.

- 3.5 Amendments to the operational hours may detract from the positive impact of the scheme and would require amendments to all signage and re-programming of pay and display machines.

- 3.6 Creating free parking bays would reduce the existing number of residents' bays. However it would be possible to amend existing pay and display bays in Carlton Avenue to free limited waiting but these bays are placed along the entire length of Carlton Avenue and not necessarily in the vicinity of the school.
- 3.7 Introducing a one hour prohibition would also prohibit residents from parking and is therefore unsuitable.
- 3.8 The resources available for the coming financial year are considerably reduced and staff or budgets allocated to this work would result in other projects not being undertaken.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Propose the amendments immediately. To investigate and propose resolutions to the issues raised will require staff time and appropriate finance.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 The recommendation will enable consideration when resources and work priorities allow.

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 none at this stage.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 None

6.4 People Implications

- 6.4.1 Neutral

6.5 Property Implications

- 6.5.1 Neutral

6.6 Consultation

- 6.6.1 Any proposals would be subject to full consultation including statutory consultation processes required for any resulting Traffic Regulation Orders.

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 N/a at this stage

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