

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to

Traffic and Parking Working Party

on

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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 to note and consider new “Member’s Requests” and Officers’ recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party considers Officers’ 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 investigate requests when resources allow and recommend action based on the findings.
- 3.3 Staffing resources are currently limited in this area. However arrangements are in hand to recruit suitably qualified and experience staff to increase in capacity. Resources will be 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 where possible. 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 appropriate and 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, these will be removed from the list and where appropriate, added to the work programme for future prioritisation.
- 3.6 Officers will keep Members updated on their individual requests and will inform them of the findings, investigations, the recommendations and reasons thereof, as well as the decisions made by this Working Party.

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.

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 therefore contributing to a 'Safer Southend'.

5.2 Financial Implications

Requests which are recommended for any action will be added to the work programme for potential funding from existing 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. The approved schemes will be added to the current work programme based on the agreed priority by the Working Party.

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 limited staffing resources which may lead to delays in

investigations and reporting back to the Working Party and the Cabinet Committee.

5.5 Property Implications

None

5.6 Consultation

Formal and informal consultation will be carried out, as required, and directed by this Working Party. 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 – May 2013