

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Place
to
**Traffic and Parking Working Party and
Cabinet Committee**
on
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**Chalkwell and Leigh Area
Parking Issues**

Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For the Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee to consider a proposal to further review existing waiting restrictions in the Chalkwell area.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Traffic and Parking Working Party and the Cabinet Committee:-

- i) Note the outcome of a discussion held with the representatives of the Chalkwell Parking Group on 25th July 2013.**
- ii) Agree to extend the earlier committee decision of January 2013 by increasing the scope of the area to undertake a comprehensive review of the existing restrictions, as shown in Appendix 1 and authorise officers to advertise the proposals.**
- iii) If approved, further agree that in the event of there being no objections to the proposals, the Traffic Regulation Order be confirmed as indicated in para 3.6 of the report.**
- iv) Note that all unresolved objections will be referred to the Traffic and Parking Working Party for consideration.**

3. Background

- 3.1** Members are aware of the extensive background to history of the issues in this area and the fact that this issue has been subject of previous consultations, investigations and discussions at this committee on a number of previous occasions.

- 3.2 Following the most recent Traffic & Parking meeting on 30th May 2013 where it was agreed that an areawide Parking Management Scheme could not be progressed and officers were instructed to meet with the ward councillors and residents to explore other options to deal with parking issues in the area to consider a way forward.
- 3.3 Officers along with Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors from Leigh and Chalkwell met with the Members of the Chalkwell Parking Group(CPG) on 25th July 2013 to discuss the parking situation and consider any further suggestions and issues raised by the CPG. Various issues around the existing waiting restrictions and parking provision were discussed and as a PMS is no longer an option, the CPG raised the issue of inconsistency relating to existing waiting restrictions in various streets within the area. There are several streets in the area which are subject to parking prohibitions for part of the day preventing all day parking by commuters whereas the remaining area (where the majority of properties have no off street parking facilities) remains unrestricted and therefore popular for commuter parking.
- 3.4 The views expressed by the CPG at this meeting were acknowledged and at their request it was agreed that the officers will seek authorisation to review these and all other existing restrictions in the area to try and improve parking availability for local residents. Officers have detailed all streets within the affected area along with the existing waiting restrictions for review which are shown in Appendix 1 of this report. This review of the continued need of the existing restrictions could be undertaken in conjunction with an ongoing exercise to review existing double yellow lines and Sunday restrictions (as agreed by this Committee January 2013) and would ensure a thorough and comprehensive review of all restrictions.
- 3.6 It is proposed that officers consult local residents and businesses in the area and any proposals/changes arising from the consultation process are implemented by way of an Experimental Order. This will enable identification of supported proposals and would enable any further amendments/adjustments to the restrictions during the course of the Experimental Order to suit any particular requirements in individual roads before making these permanent. This will provide greater flexibility to imbed changes that meet the needs of the residents.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 All other options have been explored and some amendments introduced/being progressed as detailed in previous reports.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To attempt to improve parking availability in the area.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.

- 6.1.1 Ensuring parking is managed while maintaining adequate access for emergency vehicles and general traffic flow.
- 6.2 Financial Implications
 - 6.2.1 The cost of the proposals will have to be met from the existing budgets. However Members need to be aware that undertaking this work will affect the previously agreed priority programme and may mean that the previously agreed priorities will be deferred or will not be able to be delivered.
- 6.3 Legal Implications
 - 6.3.1 The statutory consultative processes related to the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders will be undertaken in accordance with the legislative requirements.
- 6.4 People Implications
 - 6.4.1 The proposals will be progressed and implemented within the existing staff resources through re-prioritisation of the workload due to staff shortages
- 6.5 Property Implications
 - 6.5.1 None
- 6.6 Consultation
 - 6.6.1 Statutory consultation is required to introduce or amend any waiting restrictions. Members are also asked to note that there have been a number of previous consultations in this area over the last few years, none of which led to a sufficient support for any major changes in the area.

7. Background Papers

T & P reports on 30/5/2013, 10th January 2013, September 2012, March 2012 and previously in 2009 and 2003.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 Roads and waiting restrictions within the area.