

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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Work Priority
Managing Members Requests and Public Requests for Waiting Restrictions
Portfolio Holder – Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

For Members to consider a proposed new process to manage Members Requests and the general requests received from the public regarding new or amendments to waiting restrictions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1.1 That the Working Party and Cabinet Committee consider the proposal and agree to review and consider Members Requests and Waiting Restriction Requests on a twice yearly basis and agree priorities for the works to be undertaken.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members may request various works via the Traffic Management and Road Safety Team.
- 3.2 The team also receive requests form members of the public for new or amendments to existing waiting restrictions.
- 3.2 The works undertaken by the team generally requires a significant level of officer time to undertake the necessary investigatory works in order to make a recommendation, if the works are agreed, design and consultation processes must be undertaken in order to progress projects. In addition, the financial resources for such works are limited.
- 3.2 It needs to be noted that these requests are in addition to the agreed work programme, minor works ongoing throughout the year such as investigating general reports/complaints, investigation and analysis of accidents/assessment of required intervention and general maintenance of signs and lines.

- 3.3 When the Working Party and Cabinet Committee agree to progress Members Requests or other requests, expectations of a timely implementation are naturally increased creating additional pressure.
- 3.4 With limited financial and staff resources, this work is becoming progressively more difficult to manage and the costs of advertising any required Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) on a piecemeal basis is also increasing.
- 3.5 Considering these requests on a twice yearly basis will enable these works to be programmed and any necessary TRO's advertised in large composite advertisements which significantly reduces the publishing costs.

4. Other Options

- 4.2 Maintain the current process whereby Members and other requests are referred to each Committee. This will result in no change to the current situation.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1. To assist the team in programming works, reducing associated advertising costs and delivering projects according to an agreed priority.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The projects would control parking and traffic movements, improve the traffic network, improve safety, improve pedestrian movements all leading to a safe, clean, healthy and prosperous Southend.

6.2 Financial Implications

All costs will be funded through previously agreed revenue and capital budgets in a priority order. The schemes which cannot be funded through the current year financial provision will move forward to the next financial year.

6.3 Legal Implications

All schemes would be subject to statutory consultation processes.

6.4 People Implications

All requests are processed utilising existing resources.

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 **Consultation**

Formal consultation will be undertaken to assess the views of residents, businesses and road users.

7 **Appendices**

7.1 None