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Dear Councillor

THE COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2018

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the meeting of the Council taking place on Thursday, 13th December, 2018, the following Minutes that were unavailable when the Agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

- 23. **Minutes of the Special Cabinet Committee held on Thursday, 6th December 2018 (Pages 1 - 2)**

- 24. **Minutes of the Special Place Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 11th December 2018 (Pages 3 - 4)**

Yours faithfully

Tim Row
Principal Democratic Services Officer

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 6th December, 2018
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors T Cox (Vice-Chair) and M Flewitt

In Attendance: Councillors K Buck, R Hadley, H McDonald and P Van Looy
P Geraghty, J Styles, G Smith, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 pm - 6.20 pm

521 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

522 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

523 Queensway Right Turns - Junctions Improvements

Further to Minute 417 of its meeting on 1st November 2018, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) regarding the proposals to amend the road layout and traffic flows, including the introduction of signal controls and amendment and introduction of traffic regulation orders, in Queensway at the junctions with Whitegate Road and York Road.

The report also sought approval to authorise the advertisement of the amendments to and introduction of new traffic regulation orders, in accordance with the statutory processes and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the relevant orders to be sealed and implement the proposals.

The Cabinet Committee was informed that officers had undertaken a thorough review of the scheme following the meeting on 1st November. The outcome of the review indicated that the exclusion of the right turns from Queensway from the scheme would not be appropriate as the desired outcomes would not be achieved. The scheme had however, now been amended slightly to address the concerns that had previously been raised. Plans of the proposed scheme were displayed at the meeting and, in response to issues raised by the Traffic Regulation Working Party, the following assurances were given:

(i) traffic counters/monitoring would be installed to monitor the level of queueing traffic at these junctions and traffic signals would be linked and could be adjusted, both on site and remotely, to ensure optimal traffic flow;

(ii) all entrances to the Warrior Square Car Park will remain open for the time being, although this will be kept under review and entrance from Warrior Square would be closed if necessary;

(iii) appropriate measures (such as collapsible bollards, extended chevron markings, etc.) to prevent vehicles exiting the slip road from the roundabout across Queensway to the right turn into Whitegate Road would be included as part of the detailed design stage; and

(iv) U turn manoeuvres would be prohibited at both junctions

Resolved:-

1. That, subject to the assurances given to address the Traffic Regulation Working Party's concerns the Queensway Right Turns Junction Improvement Scheme as set out in the plans attached to the report be endorsed.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for any traffic regulation orders required to support the scheme.

3. That, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to arrange for the traffic regulation orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decision

As set out in the submitted report.

Other Options

None

Note: This is an Executive function
Cabinet Member: Councillor Moring

Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee

Chairman: _____

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Place Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 11th December, 2018
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor K Robinson (Chair)
Councillors M Terry (Vice-Chair), K Buck, D Burzotta, M Davidson,
M Dent, N Folkard, D Garston*, A Jones, D McGlone, D Nelson,
N Ward and P Wexham
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors A Moring (Cabinet Member) and B Arscott
P Geraghty, G Gilbert, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 5.00 pm - 5.40 pm

524 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Garston (Substitute: Councillor D Garston) and Councillor Willis (no substitute).

525 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

526 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no public questions.

527 Queensway Right Turns - Junctions Improvements

The Committee considered Minute 523 of the special meeting of Cabinet Committee held on 6th December 2018, which had been referred direct to Scrutiny, together with the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning the proposals to amend the road layout and traffic flows, including the introduction of signal controls and amendment and introduction of traffic regulation orders, in Queensway at the junctions with Whitegate Road and York Road.

The Committee noted that the following assurances had been given in response to issues raised by the Traffic Regulation Working Party:

(i) traffic counters/monitoring would be installed to monitor the level of queueing traffic at these junctions and traffic signals would be linked and could be adjusted, both on site and remotely, to ensure optimal traffic flow;

(ii) all entrances to the Warrior Square Car Park will remain open for the time being, although this will be kept under review and entrance from Warrior Square would be closed if necessary;

(iii) appropriate measures (such as collapsible bollards, extended chevron markings, etc.) to prevent vehicles exiting the slip road from the roundabout across Queensway to the right turn into Whitegate Road would be included as part of the detailed design stage; and

(iv) U turn manoeuvres would be prohibited at both junctions.

The Committee discussed the scheme in some detail and, in response to concerns expressed by the Committee, the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure gave the following additional assurances:

(a) speed monitoring will be undertaken in both directions of Queensway to inform a possible review of the speed limit should it be required as part of the safety audit;

(b) appropriate signing, which could include illuminated “traffic queues likely” signs, will be installed;

(c) advance and additional direction signage will be installed to inform drivers as early as possible to ensure informed traffic movements;

(d) any potential closure of any of the entrances to Warrior Square Car Park will be referred to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration; and

(e) raised/engineered chevrons would be considered as part of the appropriate measures to prevent vehicles exiting the slip road from the roundabout across Queensway to the right turn into Whitegate Road.

Resolved:-

That the following decisions of Cabinet be noted:

“1. That, subject to the assurances given to address the Traffic Regulation Working Party’s concerns, the Queensway Right Turns Junction Improvement Scheme as set out in the plans attached to the report be endorsed.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for any traffic regulation orders required to support the scheme.

3. That, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to arrange for the traffic regulation orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.”

Note: This is an Executive function
Cabinet Member: Moring

Chairman: _____