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Dear Councillor

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2023

Please find enclosed a copy of the written questions from members of the public and the responses from the relevant Cabinet Member at the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 30th January, 2023.

Tim Row

Principal Democratic Services Officer

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SOUTHEND ON SEA CITY COUNCIL

Place Scrutiny Committee

30th January 2023

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Questions from Members of the Public

Question 1: From Mr David Webb to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Councillor Terry

Question:

A resident in Prittlewell and myself would like suggest gum pots to be installed on posts near bus stops for resident and pupils to use them when waiting for buses at bus stop:

- 1) Outside Westcliff Boys along Kenilworth Gardens both sides;
- 2) Eastwood Boulevard;
- 3) Outside St Thomas by Kenliworth Road, Prittlewell Chase outside the hospital bus stops,
- 4) Chase 6th Form bus stop;
- 5) Hospital path, Lancaster School; and
- 6) Hobleythick Lane several bus stops for Southend Boys top, middle and bottom.

As well as the signs now with gum posters near each pot. This would encourage to keep Southend and Prittlewell Wards clean, save money cleaning the street in Prittlewell Ward, as these was used down the Southend High Street and proved very useful in keeping the High Street clean.

Response:

Thank you for your question. We don't currently provide gum pots for collecting gum litter in the City, as gum can be disposed of in litter bins. The council has previously provided gum pots in the High Street area, that were funded by the BID, which unfortunately were vandalised leading to them being removed.

Is it not something we can currently offer; however, we have made a note of the locations that you have provided and will consider how the issues can be addressed in the future.

Question 2: From Mr David Webb to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Parking - Councillor Wakefield

Question:

In Spring 2021, this was raised about the issue of grass verges being damaged in Prittlewell Ward and across Southend. A resident contacted me and my observation when walking around the roads, especially Carlton Avenue, Carlingford Drive in Prittlewell Ward and up and down roads. Next to off street parking by the roads, kerbs are severely damaged by vehicles both small and heavy, driving on them and making them muddy and soggy due to wet weather in winter 2022 in Carlingford Drive and Carlton Avenue.

What is the Southend City Council doing to assess all the grass verges in Prittlewell Ward, and how are the Southend Council joint administration strategies to fix, stop heavy cars and cars from the house going onto the grass verge which have gone past them onto their off-street parking and how much will it cost, when will they be fixed this year in Prittlewell Ward?

Response:

On the 12 January 2023, the Council adopted the parking strategy whereby the service will undertake a comprehensive review of several items one of which is related to our grass verges City-wide. We know that one size will not fit all and as such a scoping exercise will be undertaken to look at data on maintenance, damage and complaints, and bring back recommendations to Cabinet at a later date, which may include a change of material or use. Until this has been undertaken there is no definitive answer to exactly what work will be undertaken in this location.