

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 16th June, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor Cox (Chair)
Councillors Byford (Vice-Chair) and Flewitt

In Attendance: Councillors Arscott, M Assenheim, Aylen, M Borton, M Butler, Callaghan, D Garston, J Garston, Salter, M Stafford, Ware-Lane and Woodley
T Row, P Geraghty and C Hindle-Terry

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.25 pm

34 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

35 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor D Garston – Agenda Item 5 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son lives in Salisbury Road;

(b) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item 5 (West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls) – Non-pecuniary interest: Brother lives in Salisbury Road;

(c) Councillor Aylen – Urgent Additional Item – The Fairway, A127 and Bellhouse Lane – Temporary Traffic Management – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the area affected; and

(d) Councillor Butler – Urgent Additional Item – The Fairway, A127 and Bellhouse Lane – Temporary Traffic Management – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the area affected.

36 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 10th March, 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 10th March 2016, be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

37 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various proposals within the Borough.

The report also sought the Cabinet Committee's approval on the way forward, after having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party the Traffic & Parking Working Party following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That no further action be taken and that the Traffic Regulation Orders not be confirmed in respect of the following:

- The introduction of no waiting junction protection 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Mondays to Fridays in Marcus Avenue;
- The introduction of no waiting junction protection at any time for 10m from Johnstone Road southwards; and
- The introduction of no waiting at any time in Burgess Terrace from March to October from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on the west side between Burgess Terrace and Thorpe Esplanade.

2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to confirm the traffic regulation order as advertised for the introduction of no waiting in St James Avenue from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Monday's to Fridays and to arrange for the proposals to be implemented.

Reason for decision

The proposals aim to improve the operation of the existing parking controls to contribute to highway safety and to reduce congestion.

Other Option

Do nothing - highway safety could be compromised and congestion could increase.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Referred direct to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

38 West Leigh Area – Report on Ward Councillor Consultation for Parking Controls

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the results of the consultation on parking controls in the West Leigh area, that had been undertaken by the Ward Councillors and, having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, sought Members' approval on the appropriate way forward.

The Cabinet Committee noted the outcome of the consultation had showed that the level of response fell below the agreed policy thresholds and therefore was not able to accede to the request.

Resolved:

1. That the Ward Councillors be thanked for their efforts in compiling the and distributing the questionnaires in relation to the consultation.
2. That no further action be taken in respect of this request on the basis that the outcome of the consultation does not meet minimum policy thresholds for formal public consultation.

Reason for Decision

Following a survey of all residential streets, the response fails to meet the Council's criteria for progressing with a Parking Management Scheme.

Other Options

Proceed with the formal proposal for the parking scheme. The results do not meet the required criteria for progressing with a Parking Management Scheme.

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39 Greenways – Residents’ Permit Parking Scheme Update

Further to Minute 703 of its meeting held on 10th March 2016, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning the Members’ request for a resident’s parking scheme in The Greenways. The report outlined the further consultation work that had been undertaken by the Ward Councillors and, having regard to the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, sought Members' approval to proceed with the implementation of the proposed scheme.

Resolved:

1. That Officers comments as set out in paragraph 4.1 be noted and, recognising the safety of children and parents in the vicinity of the school, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders and notices for the introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme (RPS) in The Greenways, covering 8am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays.
2. Subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.
3. That all unresolved objections be referred to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reason for Decision

To mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or better manage parking.

Other Options

If this proposal is not approved the status quo will remain. However, officers will continue to work with the school to encourage their staff to better utilise the car park at Southchurch East at to reduce parking stress in The Greenways.

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40 Temporary Traffic Management Measures - The Fairway, A127 and Bellhouse Lane

The Chairman agreed that, in view of the exceptional circumstances, this item be considered at this meeting as an urgent additional item to enable Members to consider the temporary traffic management measures for the forthcoming gas main replacement works in The Fairway that were due to commence on 23rd July 2016. These works involved the closure of sections of The Fairway on a phased basis

The Cabinet Committee received an oral report of the Corporate Director for Place that informed Members of the proposed measures that had been agreed to be implemented; the procedures, mechanisms and constraints for introducing temporary traffic measures; and the other measures that could be considered to mitigate the anticipated disruption and delays likely to be experienced.

On the basis of the advice received and having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

That Officers be requested to investigate as a matter of extreme urgency, the phasing of the traffic control signals (traffic lights at the junctions of The Fairway and Bellhouse Lane with the A127, the possibility of introducing a traffic regulation to prohibit U turns at these junctions and any other appropriate measures to minimise the impact of the works on traffic congestion and disruption.

Reason for Decision

To safely minimise the impact of the works on traffic congestion and disruption.

Other Options

Implement the measures already agreed with the parties without amendment.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

Chairman: _____