

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 3rd November, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor T Cox (Chair)
Councillors T Byford (Vice-Chair) and L Salter*
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: Councillors M Assenheim, S Aylen, B Ayling, M Borton, T Callaghan, J Garston, C Mulroney and J Ware-Lane
P Geraghty, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 7.40 pm

417 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Flewitt (Substitute: Councillor Salter).

418 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Ayling – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Station Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents in East Street;

(b) Councillor Ayling – Agenda Item No. 5 (North Avenue, South Avenue and Central Avenue) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents in the roads.

419 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 19th September 2016

Resolved:

That, subject to the following amendment to Resolution 9 of Minute 251 (Members Request List), the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th September 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed:

‘9. That with regard to request reference 16/03, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order to introduce limited waiting in Rayleigh Road, Eastwood between Eastwood High School and Brooklyn’s Avenue to encourage parking turnover for local shops and businesses.’

420 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (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.

The Cabinet Committee was informed that, in accordance with Minute 39 of its meeting held on 16th June 2016 and Minute 703 of its meeting held on 10th March 2016 respectively, the traffic regulation orders for the introduction of a residents' permit parking places scheme in Greenways and the extension of the Cliffs Area residents' permit parking place scheme to include Westcliff Avenue had been confirmed as advertised, on the basis that no objections had been received in response to the statutory advertisement.

The Cabinet Committee noted the recommendation of the Traffic & Parking Working Party regarding the proposed introduction of a permit parking scheme and waiting restrictions in Station Avenue to proceed as advertised. It also noted that the postal address of Priory Mews was registered in Station Avenue and that the property provided one off-street parking space per apartment with no availability for visitor parking or to accommodate additional vehicles. The Cabinet Committee therefore concluded that, on the basis that there was currently no policy in place to exclude existing premises from purchasing resident permits or visitor vouchers where off-street parking was available to them, it could not justify the Working Party's recommendation. Consideration should be given to consulting the residents of Priory Mews on its inclusion in the proposed scheme and their eligibility to purchase permits. Re-advertisement would also enable the residents of East Street to be consulted to ensure that the scheme addressed all the parking issues in the area.

Resolved:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the recommendation of the Traffic & Parking Working Party regarding the introduction of a permit parking scheme and waiting restrictions in Station Avenue be noted but not progressed and the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order for the introduction of a permit parking scheme and waiting restrictions in Station Avenue to include the residents of Priory Mews and East Street.
3. That the traffic regulation order for the extension of the existing junction protection waiting restrictions in Belfairs Park Drive not be confirmed and the officers be requested to review the parking restrictions and prepare proposals to address the problem of inconsiderate parking in the area for consideration at the next meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee.
4. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm the traffic regulation order for the provision of a loading bay in Western Esplanade as advertised.

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 Options

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

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

421 North Avenue, South Avenue and Central Avenue

Pursuant to Minute 514 of its meeting held on 4th January 2016, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) concerning the outcome of the investigation into the possible amendment of traffic priorities in North Avenue, South Avenue and Central Avenue, Southend on Sea. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That no further action be taken in respect of the amendment to traffic flows in North Avenue, South Avenue and Central Avenue.
2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be requested to investigate the possible installation of mobile flashing speed limit signs in these roads to reduce traffic speeds.
3. That a briefing by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership and Community Speed Watch be arranged to which all Members of the Council be invited.

Reason for Decision

To ensure the safe flow of traffic and aim to reduce traffic speeds.

Other Options

Amend the traffic priority of the roads as requested - Traffic schemes are generally considered where the scheme will provide a benefit to road users by reducing speeds or accidents. Where no benefit is likely to be gained, no further action is considered.

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422 Petition Requesting Zebra Crossing Station Road, Thorpe Bay

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which appraised Members of the receipt of a petition signed by 95 residents of Station Road requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility in the road. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:-

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That the location be assessed and, in the event the request meets the agreed criteria, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notices/traffic regulation order to provide a pedestrian crossing facility and, subject to there being no objections received, to confirm the order. In the event the request does not meet the agreed criteria, no further action be taken.

3. That any unresolved objections to an advertised proposal be referred back to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the request from residents and in accordance with the agreed protocol.

Other Options

The recommendation is in accordance with the protocol agreed by Members of the Traffic & Parking Working Party in January 2016

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

423 Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought Members' approval to authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in Appendix 1 to the report, 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 the request by the Roslin Hotel related to the waiting restrictions in Walton Road and Cliveden Road, not Lynton Road. This request related to the removal of the seasonal waiting restrictions at these locations and was identical to the previously advertised traffic regulation order earlier in the year, the objections to which had not been considered.

Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:-

Resolved:

1. That, in respect of the request by the Roslin Hotel, the previously advertised traffic order in respect of the amendment of the waiting restrictions at this location, namely The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council ((Various Roads) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006) (as amended) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2016, be considered at the next meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee together with objections received in response to the statutory notice.

2. That the request by Ward Member to amend the traffic flow in Cliffsea Grove to southbound only be approved and that the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders as appropriate and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decision

Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

Other Options

Each request needs to be considered on its individual merits and their impact on public safety, traffic flows or parking and wider impact on the surrounding network. Members may consider taking no further action if they feel it is appropriate

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Chairman: _____