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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Digest of the Decisions of Cabinet Committee
held on Monday, 8th January, 2018
Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor T Cox (Chair)
Councillor M Flewitt

In Attendance: Councillors B Arscott, M Borton, H Boyd, M Butler, D Garston,
J Garston, R Hadley, D Kenyon and C Mulroney
P Geraghty, C Hindle-Terry, N Hunwicks, H Hirani and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Byford (no substitute).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 5 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Cliffs Pavilion Parking Bays) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

(b) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 5 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Cliffs Pavilion Permit Parking Scheme (Amendment No. 3) – Pecuniary interest: Lives in the area to be included in the proposed extension to the permit parking area (withdrew);

(c) Councillor Flewitt – Agenda Item No. 6 (Petition requesting Pedestrian Crossing at Western Approaches) – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

(d) Councillor Flewitt – Agenda Item No. 7 (Petition relating to Whitehouse Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows the petitioner.

3 Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2017

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2017 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

5 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

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 sought the Cabinet Committee's approval on the way forward in respect of all of these proposals, 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. Large scale plans of the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

In response to questions regarding the timescales for implementation of the pay and display parking bays at the Cliffs Pavilion, the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste and Regulatory Services gave an undertaking to expedite the proposal to include San Remo Parade within the Cliffs Pavilion Permit Parking Area where possible and, subject to the outcome of the statutory advertisement, to implement both schemes at the same time.

Resolved:

1. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones) (Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 3) Order 2017 as advertised, subject to the exclusion of the following:

- High Cliff Drive;
- Woodfield Gardens;
- Kent View Avenue; and
- The Ridgeway.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm the Borough of Southend-on-Sea ((Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2005) (As amended) (Amendment No.4) Order 2017 as advertised.

3. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the necessary consultation for the relevant traffic regulation order(s) for the inclusion of San Remo Parade within the Cliffs Pavilion Permit Parking Area and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

4. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to confirm the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Cliffs Pavilion Area) (Prohibition of Waiting & Permit Parking Places) (Zone CP) Order 2016 (As amended) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2017 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

Each proposal 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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6 Petition requesting Pedestrian Crossing at Western Approaches

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the receipt of a petition comprising 394 signatures requesting a pedestrian crossing facility be provided in Western Approaches near to the supermarket, GP surgery and a route to a local school.

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That officers investigate the request and report the findings to a future meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the existing practice of assessing requests received.

Other Options

Take no further action. This option is not appropriate at this stage as the requests require assessment to gather data related to the usage of the locations and any previous accident history before further consideration can be given to the requests.

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7 Petition relating to Whitehouse Road

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the receipt of a petition comprising 143 signatures requesting that guard-railing be provided at the junction of Whitehouse Road and Blatches Chase, the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Whitehouse Road and Blatches Chase; and the relocation of the existing pedestrian crossing in Whitehouse Road near to Rayleigh Road.

Resolved:

1. That the petitioner be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.

2. That officers investigate the request and report the findings to a future meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee.

Reason for Decision

To reflect the existing practice of assessing requests received.

Other Options

Take no further action. This option is not appropriate at this stage as the requests require assessment to gather data related to the usage of the locations and any previous accident history before further consideration can be given to the requests.

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8 Requests for Waiting Restrictions

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.

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

Resolved:

That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for the introduction of a traffic regulation order(s) for the following requests and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

- Eastwood Boulevard Shopping Area – introduction of 2 hour limited waiting from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. daily;
- Gunners Road and High Street, Shoeburyness – amendment of existing waiting restrictions to provide parking bays with limited waiting for a maximum of 20 minutes; and
- Hobleythick Lane – the introduction of waiting restrictions on the northbound carriageway (west kerblines) from 7.00 a.m. until 7.00 p.m. daily.

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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9 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10 Permanent Vehicular Crossing (PVX) - Exceptional Circumstances Application(s)

The Cabinet Committee received a report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that appraised Members of the exceptional circumstance applications for permanent vehicle crossings (PVX) as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Resolved:

That consideration of these applications be deferred for consideration at a special meeting to enable the applicants to attend the make to make representations.

Reason for Decision

To ensure a full and proper hearing of exceptional circumstances PVX applications by the Traffic & Parking Working Party.

Other Options

Determine the applications in the applicant's absence. This would be contrary to the Council's Procedure Rules

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