

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Monday, 4th January, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor Terry (Chair)
Councillors Norman MBE (Vice-Chair) and Betson

In Attendance: Councillors Assenheim, Aylen, Ayling, Callaghan, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, J Garston, Habermel, Mulroney and Woodley
T Row, P Geraghty and C Hindle-Terry

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 7.55 pm

509 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

510 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(i) Councillor Assenheim – Agenda Item 6: Members' Request Reference No. 15/11 – Non-pecuniary interest: Registered Doctor's Surgery is in the road;

(ii) Councillor Betson – Agenda Item 6: Members' Request Reference No. 15/24 – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity of Green Lane;

(iii) Councillor Betson – Agenda Item 6: Members' Request Reference No. 15/39 – Non-pecuniary interest: Husband owns property in Rutland Avenue;

(iv) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item 6: Members' Request Reference No. 15/26 – Non-pecuniary interest: A client of the accountants located in Monometer House;

(v) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item 6: Members' Request Reference No. 15/11 – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the Tyrone Road.

511 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2015

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th September 2015 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

512 Petition Requesting Parking Controls - Bridgwater Drive

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning a petition comprising 12 signatures from residents of Bridgwater Drive requesting the introduction of parking restrictions for one hour during the mornings and afternoons. Residents had also raised concerns of vehicles parking on areas of the highway adjacent to a local convenient store where

waiting restrictions were already in effect and vehicles crossing the footway to access the shop frontage. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:-

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That consultation be undertaken with the Ward Councillors and residents to identify the most appropriate and acceptable extent of waiting restrictions in Bridgwater Drive, the details of which to be reported to the next meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.
3. That the problems of vehicles crossing the footway be referred to the Environmental Care Team for consideration and any appropriate action.
4. That the request to install a guardrail be declined, in accordance with the Design & Townscape Guide.

Reasons for Decision

To reflect the request from residents and maintain adequate traffic flow particularly as the set criterion is met.

Other Options

Take no further action is not an option. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and as this location is a distributor route, the agreed criteria is met.

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513 Petition Requesting Additional Residents Parking Bays - Colchester Road

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning a petition comprising 33 signatures from residents of Colchester Road requesting additional parking bays to be provided for residents. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:-

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That Officer, in conjunction with Ward Councillors, undertake a consultation exercise with residents on the possible removal of the existing barrier and waiting restrictions in Colchester Road, together with any necessary traffic measures that may be required in this area.

3. That the outcome of the consultation, together with any recommendations be referred to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee at its next meeting.

Reasons for Decision

To reflect the request from residents.

Other Options

Take no further action is not an option. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and to meet the needs of residents.

Note:- This is an Executive Function
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514 Member's Requests List

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the requests received from Members of the Council together with officers' recommendations relating to those requests. The Cabinet Committee also had before it a supplementary list comprising two additional requests that had been received after the publication of the Agenda.

Resolved:

1. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders as appropriate in relation to the following proposals and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

15/11 – Amend operational hours of existing waiting restriction in Tyrone Road and Fermoy Road from 2.00 p.m. until 3.00 p.m. to 11.00 a.m. until noon;

15/20 – Extend double yellow lines at the junction of Church Road with Ness Road;

15/24(a) – Remove loading facility and limited waiting areas in Dane Street;

15/25 – Extend existing junction protection at Alleyn Place with its junction with Crowstone Road onto road hump;

15/27 – Remove summer restriction on east side of Plas Newydd and replace with limited waiting bays;

15/28 – Re-align/remove parking bays at various junctions to improve sight lines in Eastern Esplanade/Thorpe Esplanade;

15/29 – Extend junction protection and remove seasonal restriction on one side of the Burges Terrace;

15/30 – Remove seasonal restriction on eastern side of Lynton Road;

15/31 – Remove seasonal restriction on western side of Walton Road to access of Roslin Hotel;

15/33 – Remove seasonal restriction on eastern side of Cliveden Road;

15/34 – Remove waiting restriction on western kerblines of Warwick Road;

15/43 – Extension of junction protection at Belfairs park Drive and The Fairway.

2. That no further action be taken in respect of the following requests for the reasons stated in the report and that the requests be removed from the list:

15/10 – Introduction of no waiting at any time in Ashes Road, Shoeburyness along the wall opposite 26-20 Ashes Road;

15/15 – Provision of waiting restrictions, Rayleigh Road to protect driveways;

15/23 – Extension of existing restrictions on Delaware Road at eastern junction of Delaware Crescent;

15/35 – Removal of waiting restrictions on western kerb line of Elizabeth Road;

15/36 – Removal of waiting restrictions on western kerb line of Chester Avenue;

15/39 – Verge hardening in Brunswick Road and Rutland Avenue;

3. That further information be sought, including photographic evidence and details of costs for any necessary works, in respect of request Ref No. 14/15 regarding the widening of the pedestrian refuge Ness Road, Shoeburyness, the details of which be reported to the next meeting of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

4. That following requests be removed from the list for the reasons stated in the report and on the basis that any consultation results will be reported to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet when completed:

14/23 – Provision of a 1 hour parking prohibition and junction protection in Dale Road, Dynevor Gardens, Crescent Road and Western Road with longer term request to treat all of area (Tattersall Gardens to Hadleigh Road – South of London Road);

15/08 – Verge hardening at eastern end of Rivera Drive;

15/14 – Introduction of resident parking controls in Station Road, excluding flats at northern extremity;

15/16 – Provision of limited waiting restrictions, to deter non-residents parking Brooklands Avenue and Eastwood Park;

15/38 – Permit parking controls in the Thorpe Greenways School area.

5. That the following requests be retained on the for further investigation when resources are available and reported back to the Traffic & parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee in due course;

15/01 – Amendment of priority North, South and Central Avenues;

15/07 – Installation of pedestrian crossing in Elmsleigh Drive near Rayleigh Drive.

6. That the request reference no 15/18 regarding the possible amendment of waiting restrictions in Saxon Gardens, Delaware Crescent, Blyth Avenue and Bunters Avenue be investigated as part of the review of waiting restrictions and that the possible hardening of the green area within Delaware Crescent.

7. That, in respect of request reference no 15/19, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to prepare and advertise the necessary traffic regulation order to introduce a one way traffic flow in Saxon Gardens following completion of the survey of residents being undertaken by Ward Councillors to assess the preferred direction of traffic.

8. That consideration of the following requests be deferred for the reasons given:

15/22 – Review of the junction of Ness Road and Campfield Road – Defer pending an application for development;

15/42 – Provision of daytime restriction from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday in Weare Gifford from its junction with Bishopsteignton to the first bend – Defer pending outcome of appeal for blue badge by local resident.

9. That request reference 15/25(b) for the implementation of speed reduction measure in Green Lane be considered as part of the boroughwide/area treatments in respect of general traffic & parking matters and that investigations be undertaken in to the speed of traffic and in the event of excessive speeds being evidenced, the matter be referred to the Police for consideration and appropriate action.

10. That request reference 15/26 for the provision of waiting restrictions at the access of monometer House in Grange Road be removed from the list for the reasons detailed in the report and that the matter be referred to the Parking Enforcement team for appropriate action.

11. That request reference no. 15/32 for the installation of a build out or left/right turn only at the access to the Roslin Hotel to direct traffic along the seafront be discussed with the Hotel to identify an appropriate solution without the need for a traffic regulation order or physical measure.

12. That officers discuss reference 15/37 for the removal of the school keep clear marking in Hornby Avenue with the Ward Councillors to identify concerns and that the Corporate Director be authorised to prepare and advertise any appropriate traffic regulation order should it be necessary.

13. That request reference no. 15/40 for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit trial in Burges Road and Barnstaple Road be referred to the Place Scrutiny in-depth project team for consideration.

14. That request reference no. 15/41 for the extension of the existing junction protection in Johnstone Road/Parkanuar Aveune be discussed with the Ward Councillors to ascertain the parking situation in the area and that any appropriate action be undertaken under the revised policy.

Reasons for Decision

To provide a rationalised and consistent management and decision-making process for all formal requests for highways and traffic management improvements by Ward Councillors via the Traffic and Parking Working Party & Cabinet Committee

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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515 Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for 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.

Resolved:-

That following recommendations of officers in respect of the requests as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place be approved and that the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise any necessary traffic regulation orders as appropriate in relation to the following proposals and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

Burdett Avenue – Extension of existing waiting restrictions adjacent to junction with London Road; and
Belle Vue Road – Extension of existing waiting restrictions at its junction with Southchurch Road.

Reasons for Decision

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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516 Traffic & Parking Working Group Recommendations

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that presented the outcome of the meetings of the Working Group to review the existing policies, processes and practices. The purpose of the review was to ensure that all requests for traffic and parking matters were undertaken in the most effective and efficient manner and to ensure that the terms of reference of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee was up to date.

The report also sought Members approval to the revised policies and processes set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director, together with the amended terms of reference for the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee, the introduction of a protocol for public participation in respect of traffic regulation orders as set out in Appendix 2 of the report and the extension proviso (b) of Council Procedure Rule 37.2 so that it would also apply to Working Parties.

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

Recommended:-

1. That, subject to the following amendment, the revised policies, processes and procedures for traffic & parking investigations as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place be approved:

Section1, item 4 is deleted.

Section 1, items 2 and 6 relate to members of the public only.

Section 3, item 2 – should now read: Any proposals in this regard should have the agreement of at least two Councillors, one of which must be the relevant Ward Councillor.

2. That Executive Councillor for Public Protection, Waste & Transport in consultation with the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to make any minor amendments to the revised policies, processes and procedures prior to adoption.

3. That the amended terms of reference for the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

4. That the protocol for public participation at meetings of the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee in respect of traffic regulation orders be approved.

5. That proviso (b) under Council Procedure Rule 37.2 be extended so as to also apply to Working Parties.

Reason for Decision

To enable the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet to work more efficiently and effectively to maximise benefits of limited resources to deal with its workload priorities and to ensure policies reflect local needs.

Other Options

If the proposals contained in this report are not agreed then the existing policies and procedures will remain applicable.

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September 2015 re Members' Request No. 15/13

The Cabinet Committee reconsidered Minute 235 of its meeting held on 17th September 2015 in respect of Members Request reference no. 15/13 which sought the introduction of waiting restriction operating from 11am to noon in St James Avenue and Marcus Avenue between Fermoy to Johnstone Road and removal of existing waiting restriction in Fermoy Road, Marcus Avenue to St James Avenue on alternating sides to provide staggered parking to compensate for new waiting restrictions. This matter had been referred back for re-consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12th October 2015 (Minute 310 refers). The Cabinet Committee had before it the relevant extract from report of the Corporate Director for Place and the excerpts from the Minutes.

Resolved:

That the Corporate Director be authorised to prepare and advertise the necessary traffic regulation order in relation to the request and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

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Not eligible for call-in as this matter has previously been subject to the call-in procedure.

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

Chairman: _____