

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Digest of the Decisions of Cabinet Committee
held on Monday, 2nd November, 2020
Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Vice-Chair) and M Terry

In Attendance: Councillors B Ayling, K Buck, P Collins, D Cowan, T Cox, D Garston,
B Hooper, D Jarvis, A Moring, C Nevin and S Wakefield
L Reed, S Harrington, M Barnes, N Hoskins, M Warren, T Row,
E Brown and E Cook

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 10.35 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Collins - Agenda Item No. 5 (Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in The Maze – Non-pecuniary interest: two residents of The Maze have spoken to him regarding the restrictions;

(b) Councillor Collins - Agenda Item No. 6 Traffic Regulation Orders – Objections (Junction Protection) – Non-pecuniary interest in items listed below: Lives in the vicinity and residents have spoken to him about the proposals:

Green Lane/Parkway Close
Green Lane/Roach Vale
Green Lane/Byfield
Green Lane/Wren Avenue
Green Lane/Nobles Green Road
Green Lane/Dandies Drive
Hudson Road/Hudson Crescent/Lambeth Road
Hudson Road/Hudson Road/Pinewood Avenue
Eastwood Rise/Springwater Road.

(c) Councillor Cowan – Agenda Item No. 5 (Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in The Maze – Non-pecuniary interest: Worked with residents regarding the adoption of the roads in the Ekco Estate which was mentioned in the debate;

(d) Councillors Buck, Cox, D Garston, Jarvis and Moring – Agenda Item No. 10 (Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: The Notice of Motion to Council was signed by the Councillors in the conservative group;

(e) Councillor D Garston – Agenda Item No. 8 (Traffic Regulation Orders (Waiting Restrictions – Safety Schemes) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents in respect of the proposals in Earls Hall Avenue:

(f) Councillor Nevin – Agenda Item No. 6 (Traffic Regulation Orders – Objections (Junction Protection) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents of her ward regarding the proposals in Hermitage Road and Cavendish Gardens/Holyrood Drive;

(g) Councillor Nevin – Agenda Item No. 8 (Traffic Regulation Orders (Waiting Restrictions – Safety Schemes) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has spoken with residents regarding the proposals in Clifton Road, Manor Road and Seaforth Road; and

(h) Councillor Woodley – Agenda Item No. 11 (Petition – Burges Road Traffic Calming Measures) – Non-pecuniary interest: Presented petition at Council on behalf of residents.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th September, 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st September 2020 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22nd September 2020 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

5 Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) in The Maze

The Cabinet Committee considered the report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for a traffic regulation order introducing waiting restrictions in The Maze, Eastwood, Leigh on Sea.

The report sought the Cabinet Committee's approval on the way forward in respect of these proposals, after having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting. Written submissions from the objector and one of the residents in support of the proposals were read out at the meeting.

The Chair gave his assurances that the double yellow line markings would not be installed until the adoption of the highway had been completed.

Resolved:-

That 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. 5) Order 2020 be confirmed as advertised and the proposals implemented.

Reason for Decision

As set out in the submitted report.

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report.

Note: This is an Executive function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

6 Traffic Regulation Orders - Objections (Junction Protection)

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for a traffic regulation order for the introduction of waiting restrictions in the form of junction protections at the sites listed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

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

With reference to the proposals in Thorpe Hall Avenue, the Cabinet Committee noted the request to extend the restrictions to the entrance of the car park to the flats.

With reference to the proposed waiting restrictions at the junction of Hudson Road with Pinewood Avenue, the Cabinet Committee felt that the restrictions could be reduced 10 metres.

Resolved:-

That, subject to the reduction of the waiting restrictions in Hudson Road and Pinewood Avenue to 10 metres, 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. 4) Order 2020.

Reason for Decision

As set out in the submitted report.

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report.

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

7 Traffic Regulation Orders (Junction Protection)

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) regarding the commencement of consultation and implementation of the Traffic Regulation Orders in respect of various Junction Protection schemes across the Borough. The list of proposed schemes was attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

In the light of the request to extend the approved junction protection at Thorpe Hall Avenue, the Cabinet Committee requested that the proposal be included as part of these schemes.

Resolved:-

That subject to the inclusion of the extension of the approved junction protection waiting restrictions in Thorpe Hall Avenue from its junction with the roundabout at Acacia Drive northwards to the entrance of the car park to the flats, the list of no waiting at any time junction protection schemes as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted.

Reason for Decision

As set out in the submitted report.

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report.

Note: This is an Executive function

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

8 Traffic Regulation Orders (Waiting Restrictions - Safety Schemes)

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of consultation and implementation of a Traffic Regulation Orders to introduce no waiting restrictions in the sections of road set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Resolved:-

That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order for the introduction of "no waiting at any time" restrictions in the sections of road set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to arrange for the order to be confirmed and the proposals implemented. Any unresolved objections will be submitted to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reason for Decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report

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9 Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction) Thames Close

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that provided an update on the implementation of the extension of the junction protection and the informal consultation with residents regarding potential additional restrictions in Thames Close, Leigh on Sea.

Having considered the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party, it was felt that the statutory consultation for no waiting at any time restrictions in the entire road should be undertaken.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted and that the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods & Environment) be authorised to undertake the statutory consultation and prepare the requisite traffic regulation order for the introduction of “no waiting at any time” restrictions in the entire length of Thames Close, Leigh on Sea, and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement to arrange for the order to be confirmed and the proposals implemented. Any unresolved objections will be submitted to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reason for Decision
As set out in the submitted report

Other Options
As set out in the submitted report

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10 Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that presented the findings of an independent Road Safety Review (RSR) on the westbound carriageway of Eastern Avenue between Weybourne Gardens and Sutton Road.

The report also responded to the Notice of Motion received by Council at its meeting on 10th September 2020 (Minute 320 refers). A copy of the Notice of Motion was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The Cabinet Committee noted the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party regarding the possible option and felt that an average speed camera enforcement scheme on both sides of Eastern Avenue between Hamstel Road and Sutton Road, should be pursued (Option E in the submitted report).

The Cabinet Committee was informed that the support of the Police, as the appropriate enforcement authority for speeding vehicles, would be required for any such camera enforcement scheme. It was therefore recommended that a letter be sent to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, signed by the leaders of all four groups on the Council, highlighting the Council's concerns and urging the Police to support the proposals. In the meantime, further data would be collated to support the case for the scheme.

Resolved:-

1. That average speed camera enforcement scheme on both sides of Eastern Avenue between Hamstel Road and Sutton Road, should be pursued (Option E in the submitted report).
2. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) submit a bid for Capital Funding to finance the scheme.
3. That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) prepare a letter to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex and the Chief Constable, urging them to support the introduction of the average speed camera enforcement scheme in this section of Eastern Avenue, to be signed by the leaders of all four groups on the Council.

Reasons for Decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley

11 Petition - Burges Road Traffic Calming Measures

Pursuant to Minute 296 of the meeting of Council held on 10th September 2020, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) on the petition for traffic calming measures and speed restrictions to be introduced in Burges Road.

In response to questions regarding the number of other roads which suffered from significant number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit, the Chair gave his assurances that the list of streets where vehicles are exceeding the speed limit, considered by the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 6th January 2020 would be recirculated. He also gave assurances that any petitions that had been received requesting for traffic calming schemes in those roads would be prioritised.

Resolved:-

That further speed monitoring be undertaken in Burges Road, the results of which be reported to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee in 6 months.

Reasons for Decision
As set out in the submitted report

Other Options
As set out in the submitted report

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12 Eastern Esplanade Speed Cameras

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) concerning the possible extension of the 20mph zone along Eastern Esplanade and the introduction of average speed camera enforcement.

The Cabinet Committee noted the views of the Traffic Regulations Working Party that the scheme should cover the entire seafront eastwards from Marine Parade including Eastern Esplanade, Thorpe Esplanade, B1016 and Ness Road. It should also incorporate the introduction of pedestrian crossing facilities as discussed at its meeting on 24th February 2020 (Minute 851 of Cabinet Committee refers).

Resolved:-

That further monitoring of traffic speeds and accidents in Eastern Esplanade be undertaken and that a feasibility report with recommendations, including the identification of appropriate locations for the introduction of appropriate formalised pedestrian crossings, whether signal controlled or otherwise, be submitted to the Traffic Regulations Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration in 6 months.

Reasons for Decision
As set out in the submitted report

Other Options
As set out in the submitted report

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13 Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restriction, No U-Turn Restriction)

The Chair agreed that this item be considered at this meeting as an urgent additional item on the basis that a decision is required on the progression of the installation of the traffic controlled junction scheme at this location at the earliest opportunity on the grounds of highway safety.

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that sought approval of the commencement of consultation and implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders at the junction of

Bournemouth Park Road and Eastern Avenue in accordance with the statutory processes.

Resolved:-

That the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be authorised to commence the statutory consultation process for the introduction of the no U-Turn restrictions on Eastern Avenue and proposed waiting restrictions as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory notice, to implement the proposals. Any unresolved objections will be referred back to the Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reasons for Decision

As set out in the submitted report

Other Options

As set out in the submitted report

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Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet Member: Councillor Woodley