

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 2nd November, 2017

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

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

In Attendance: Councillors M Borton, M Butler, T Callaghan, J Garston, A Jones, H McDonald, M Terry and J Ware-Lane
T Row, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry and N Hunwicks

Start/End Time: 6.00 p.m. - 7.10 p.m.

430 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

431 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Callaghan – Agenda Item No. 4 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Lucy Road) – Non-pecuniary interest: Taxi Driver.

432 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th September 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th September 2017 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

433 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 reports 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.

With reference to the proposed introduction of a shared taxi rank and pay and display parking in Lucy Road, the Cabinet Committee was informed that the taxi rank currently marked in Lucy Road had been removed in 2006 (Minute 1121 of the meeting of Licensing Sub Committee C held on 13th February 2006 refers).

Any requests to re-introduce a taxi rank at this location would be a matter for the Licensing Committee to consider and determine.

Resolved:-

1. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to arrange for 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. 16) Order 2017 to be confirmed as advertised and for the proposals to be implemented.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, be requested to expedite the commencement of the statutory consultation process and necessary arrangements for the introduction of a taxi rank in Lucy Road on the northern kerbline from a point 19 metres east of its junction with Herbert Grove to a point 38 metres west of its junction with Seaway (southern section), the hours of operation of which to be 10.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m.

3. That, subject to the satisfactory outcome of the request to introduce a taxi rank in Lucy Road referred to in resolution 2 above, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to arrange for 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. 18) Order 2017 to be confirmed with the following amendment and for the proposals to be implemented:

- The time the taxi rank shall be in operation to be reduced from 6.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m.

4. That, in the event that the taxi rank does not proceed following the statutory consultation, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to arrange for 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. 18) Order 2017 to be confirmed without the introduction of the taxi rank.

Reasons 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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434 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.

With reference to the proposals for Ambleside Drive, the Cabinet Committee noted that whilst waiting restrictions of up to 10 metres would be advertised at the various junctions, this may be reduced to a distance of only 5 metres where appropriate.

During the discussion regarding Delaware Road, the Cabinet Committee also considered a suggestion that the Highways team work with South Essex Homes in relation to providing some additional parking facilities on areas of the land in Delaware Road opposite Blythe Avenue and in Delaware Crescent, where indiscriminate parking already occurred. Any proposals arising from this should be the most environmentally friendly solution.

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

Resolved:

1. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for 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:

- Ambleside Drive, Southend on Sea - Amend existing waiting restrictions;
- Delaware Road, Shoeburyness - Amend existing waiting restrictions; and
- Southchurch Boulevard, Southend on Sea - Provide School Keep Clear Marking outside Futures College.

2. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order(s) for the introduction of a residents parking scheme in the area covering Pleasant Road (excluding the car park to Norman Harris House), Hartington Road, Hartington Place, Ash Walk and Seaway (southern section only) and, subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented.

3. That, in relation to resolution 2 above, officers of the highways team work with the relevant Ward Councillors to identify appropriate areas for shared use resident parking and pay and display parking bays such as the southern extremities of Hartington Road and Pleasant Road and where residents parking is not compromised.

4. That officers be requested to approach South Essex Homes with regard to the introduction of appropriate environmentally friendly parking on the areas of open

space/verge on the north side of Delaware Road opposite Blythe Avenue and in Delaware Crescent.

Reason for Decision

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

Other Options

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Chairman: _____