

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

To

**Traffic & Parking Working Party  
& Cabinet Committee**

On

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Report prepared by:

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**Petition relating to Whitehouse Road**

**Eligible for call in to Place Scrutiny Committee**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox**

***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition signed by 143 interested parties requesting;
- (a) Guardrailing at the junction of Whitehouse Road and Blatches Chase
  - (b) A pedestrian crossing at the junction of Whitehouse Road and Blatches Chase
  - (c) Relocation of the existing pedestrian crossing in Whitehouse Road near to Rayleigh Road.

## **2. Recommendation**

**That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:**

- a) Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**
- b) Agree to investigate the requests and report findings to a future meeting of this Committee.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Requests for pedestrian crossings are assessed using the numbers of vehicles travelling on the road along with numbers of pedestrians crossing at or near to the requested location.
- 3.2 These volumes are assessed over a 12 hour period, generally 7am to 7pm with any requests being collated and programmed for an assessment twice yearly.
- 3.3 As the request relates to a location, which is regularly used as a route to school, any assessment must be undertaken within the school term time. The current volume of works will not allow for assessments to be undertaken, adequate time for the results to be analysed and for a report to be presented to the next

scheduled meeting of this Committee in March. As such, the assessments will be undertaken in early April and reported to the next available meeting.

- 3.4 The request for guardrail will be assessed at the time the assessment is undertaken.

#### **4. Other Options**

- 4.1 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.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To reflect the existing practice of assessing requests received.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 *Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities.*

Assessing requests related to highway safety ensures any measures are provided on an evidenced need contributing to a Safe and Excellent Southend.

- 6.2 *Financial Implications*

None.

- 6.3 *Legal Implications*

None.

- 6.4 *People Implications*

Existing resources will be used to undertake assessments.

- 6.5 *Property Implications*

None.

- 6.6 *Consultation*

None.

- 6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

None.

## 6.8 *Risk Assessment*

Assessments form the basis for any risk assessments and if progressed for future works, Road Safety Audits are undertaken using independent auditors at the design and implementation stages.

## 6.9 *Value for Money*

Assessing requests to obtain data ensures the limited resources are focussed at locations where improvements are likely to result from any works. Any resulting works are undertaken by term contractors procured competitively demonstrating values for money.

## 6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

The request relate to general safety concerns and will be assessed to determine if any changes to the existing road layout is required.

## 6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

## 7. **Background Papers**

None.

## 8. **Appendices**

None.