

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Thursday, 17th September, 2015

Place: Jubilee Room, Civic 1, Victoria Avenue, Southend

Present: Councillor M W Terry (Chairman),
Councillors D A Norman MBE (Vice-Chairman) and G E Longley

In Attendance: Councillors M Assenheim, T K Byford, T Callaghan, J I Courtenay, T Cox,
A Crystall, J M Garston, J L Lamb, J McMahon, M Stafford, L P Salter, C
W Walker
P Geraghty, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry, T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 p.m./9.25 p.m.

**** **Part I**

226 Apologies and substitutions.

There were no apologies for absence.

227 Declarations of interest.

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Callaghan - Agenda item no. 6 (Petition - Residents only Parking Zones for Redstock Road and adjoining streets/roads) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

(b) Councillor Cox - Agenda Item 10 (Request ref no. 15/13) - Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of Rochford & Southend East Conservative Association and the MP lives in Fermoy Road;

(c) Councillor J Garston - Agenda item No. 10 (Request ref no. 15/13) - Non-pecuniary interest: MP lives in Fermoy Road;

(d) Councillor J Garston - Agenda item no. 11 (Broadway West) - Disclosable non-pecuniary interest (withdrew);

(e) Councillor Longley - Agenda item no. 4 (The Maze) - Non-pecuniary interest;

(e) Mr T Row - Agenda item no. 5 (Petition Requesting Parking Controls - Benvenue Avenue) - Non-pecuniary interest: knows someone who lives in the road.

228 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 25th June, 2015

Resolved:

That, subject to the amendment of Minute 78(b) as detailed below, the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th June 2015 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed:

"(b) Councillor J Garston - Agenda Item No. 8 - Petition: Salisbury Road - Non-pecuniary interest: Brother lives in the road."

229 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for 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 at several locations across the Borough.

The report also sought the Cabinet Committee's approval on the way forward, 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.

Resolved:

That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to confirm the traffic regulation orders in respect of the locations listed in Appendix 1 of the report as advertised without amendments.

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

Do nothing - highway safety could be compromised and congestion could increase.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

230 Petition Requesting Parking Controls - Benvenue Avenue

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning a petition comprising 31 signatures from the residents in Benvenue Avenue. The petition sought the introduction of parking controls between 08:15 and 9:15 and 14:30 to 15:30 term time only in the road which had an access to the Heycroft Primary School. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted
2. That any proposals be deferred pending the outcome of the strategic approach to reduce speed, improve road safety and address parking issues within residential areas.

Reasons for Decision

To reflect the request from residents while meeting the aspirations of Members to adopt area wide measures.

Other Options

Agree to the request. Dealing with issues in individual locations tends to displace rather than resolve parking. Officer time is then utilised in resolving issues in other roads that have been created by addressing one road or problem.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

231 Petition - Residents only Parking Zones for Redstock Road and adjoining streets/roads

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning a petition comprising 60 signatures requesting the possible introduction of resident only parking controls.

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That officers assist Ward Councillors to identify a suitable geographical area and appropriate questions to enable Members to undertake a survey of residents in accordance with the Parking Management Scheme policy.
3. That, in the event that the requisite numbers of residents respond to the survey and the majority of respondents support the suggestion, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to commence the formal process for the introduction of a Permit Parking Area.

Reasons for Decision

To reflect the request from residents.

Other Options

Take no further action. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls. While budgets may be limited, undertaking the associated surveys will ensure a prioritisation of works is targeted at areas where support for controls is evident.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

232 Petition - Traffic Calming Measures in Tunbridge Road and Penhurst Avenue

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning a petition comprising 73 signatures requesting an amendment to the current junction layout at Carnarvon Road and Victoria Avenue to accommodate a right turn manoeuvre into Victoria Avenue from Carnarvon Road.

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That it be noted that investigations are being undertaken with regard to the existing manoeuvres and traffic flows at this location as part of development potential on the west side of Victoria Avenue.
3. Upon completion of the investigation and designs have been created, the Corporate Director be authorised to advertise any required Traffic Regulation Order amendments relating to traffic flow.
4. In the event that no objections are received to the proposals, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order(s).

Reasons for Decision

To gather information related to the traffic movements and create an appropriate proposal designed to manage the anticipated traffic flows.

Other Options

Take no further action. The Council will be investigating traffic flows at this location and as such, the petitioners request can be considered.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

233 Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue

Further to Minute 90 of its last meeting, the Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place concerning the introduction of one way traffic flows in Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue and part day/part week waiting restrictions in Southsea Avenue. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the relevant amendments to the traffic regulation orders to introduce one way traffic flows as follows, and subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be confirmed:

Leighville Grove - southbound
Southsea Avenue - northbound

2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to make the necessary order to give permanent effect to the current experimental waiting restrictions in Southsea Drive.

Reasons for Decision

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

Other Options

Take no further action. Significant time has been allocated to this project since 2013 and while the majority of residents support proposals, several Committee meetings have resulted in further information being required. To take no action would negatively impact on the purpose of consultations as resident support is evident.

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234 Outcome of Consultation on a Residents' Parking Scheme in Queensway East Area

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the outcomes of a recent consultation on a possible residents' only parking scheme in the roads bounding Queensway, Southchurch Road and Southchurch Avenue (the Queensway East Area).

Resolved:

1. That the outcomes of the public consultation be noted.
2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the proposals in accordance with statutory requirements. The times of operation of the scheme to be 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. daily to account for the variation in non-residential parking.
3. That, subject to there being no objections received to the statutory notices, the Corporate Director be authorised to confirm the necessary orders and implement the scheme.

Reasons for Decision

To improve parking priority for residents, to improve highway safety and to reduce congestion, which were the concerns leading to the proposals.

Other Options

Do nothing. This option prevents the opportunity to make improvements to the existing restrictions in the area.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

***235 Members' 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.

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:

15/06 - Installation of pedestrian crossing, North Shoebury Road near to Shoebury Park;

15/12 - Introduction of 24 hour waiting restriction on north side and waiting restriction operating from 1pm to 3pm Monday to Friday. in Burges Road between Thorpe Hall Avenue and Colbert Avenue;

15/24 - Introduction of 24 hour waiting restriction in Colbert Avenue on east and north side by bend.

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

14/20 - Provision of waiting restrictions in Riviera Drive, eastern extremity;

14/24 - Increase existing 5m of junction protection Cottesmore Gardens, Quorn Gardens, and Tattersall Gardens, junctions with Western Road;

14/38 - Introduction of waiting restrictions Eastern Close;

14/44 - Introduction of yellow lines to help improve visibility at a busy entrance/exit to a commercial parking forecourt (Woodgrove Walk);

14/45 - Removal of waiting restrictions 22 to 46 The Fairway;

15/13 - 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;

15/17 - Provision of bollards in Byfield to prevent footway parking.

3. That request Ref No. 14/15 regarding the widening of the pedestrian refuge Ness Road, Shoeburyness be retained on the list and clarification of the matter be investigated.

4. That the following requests be investigated as part of area wide measures being considered by the Traffic & Parking Working Party:

14/23 - Provision of 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);

15/09 - Amendment of traffic flow in Westcliff Parade to one-way, east to west.

5. That the following requests be retained on the list for investigation:

15/01 - Amend priority North, South and Central Avenues;

15/07 - Installation of a pedestrian crossing in Elmsleigh Drive near Rayleigh Drive;

15/08 - Hardening of verge at eastern end of Riviera Drive;

15/10 - Introduction of double yellow lines along the length of the wall opposite 26-30 Ashes Road;

15/14 - Introduction of resident parking controls in Station Avenue but exclude flats at northern extremity;

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

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

15/18 - Formalisation of parking areas in and around Saxon Gardens, Delaware Crescent, Blyth Avenue and Bunters Avenue;

15/19 - Introduction of one way traffic flow in Saxon Gardens;

15/20 - Extension of double yellow lines at the junction of Church Road with Ness Road;

15/22 - Traffic management in Campfield Road and Ness Road;

15/23 - Introduction of double yellow lines on Delaware Road at Delaware Crescent.

6. That the request ref no. 15/21 regarding the speeds of vehicles in Bunters Avenue be considered as part of the in-depth scrutiny project being undertaken by the Place Scrutiny Committee into 20mph speed limits in residential streets and that a T-sign be added to the street name board at Bunters Avenue to indicate the road is a cul-de-sac.

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.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

***Called in to:- Place Scrutiny Committee**

236 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.

The Cabinet Committee also received a supplementary request that had been received, the details of which were circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:

1. 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:

West Road, Westcliff-on-Sea - installation of a pedestrian crossing near Westborough Road;

Harp House Roundabout - installation of 2 Toucan crossings and carriageway widening to the airport access road;

Shoebury Library, Leisure Centre and Youth Centre - introduction of waiting restrictions in car parks;

Western Road - reduction of junction protection near tom property at 124 Western Road and other locations where an excessive length is provided;

Broadway West - amendment of existing parking bay layout to accommodate vehicular access created as part of a development.

2. That the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders be authorised, to determine the timing and length of any waiting restrictions in the car parks of the Shoebury Library, Leisure Centre and Youth Centre.

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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Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

237 Traffic Regulation Orders - Suspension of Works

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that sought Members' support to the suspension of all works related to Traffic Regulation Orders for up to 16 weeks until the completion of a Borough-wide inventory and updating of software to capture all current Traffic Regulation Orders in plan form ,along with consolidation of all amendments undertaken since 2006. This would exclude any works related to Parking Schemes as these have been digitised.

Resolved:

That the request to suspend all works to Traffic Regulation Orders related to waiting restrictions be endorsed.

Reason for Decision

To allow the efficient completion of data capture and entry resulting in correct information.

Other Options

Continue amending existing TRO's while the project is on-going. This significantly introduces the risk that the completed project could include out of date or inaccurate information.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

***238 Members Requests List**

The Cabinet Committee reconsidered Minute 701 of its meeting held on 12th March 2015 in respect of Members Request ref no. 14/45(b), which sought the removal of the speed cushions in Bournemouth Park Road. This matter had been referred back for re-consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13th April 2015 (Minute 794 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 consideration of the request be deferred pending the outcome of the in-depth scrutiny project regarding the introduction of 20mph in residential streets.

Note:- This is an Executive Function

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

Executive Councillor: Councillor Terry

Chairman: _____