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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic Regulations Working Party

Date: Monday, 14th September, 2020

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Vice-Chair), K Buck, A Bright*, P Collins,
D Cowan, T Cox, D Jarvis, A Moring, C Nevin, M Terry and
S Wakefield
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.)

In Attendance: Councillors M Flewitt and D McGlone
L Reed, S Harrington and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Garston (substitute: Councillor Bright).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Cowan – Minute No. 4 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with the issue since for some time and is mentioned in the report;

(b) Councillor Flewitt – Minute No. 4 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with parking issues since in St Laurence Ward for some time;

(c) Councillor McGlone – Minute No. 4 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Has been involved with parking issues since in St Laurence Ward for some time;

(d) Councillor Terry – Minute No. 4 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Is a member of the Airport Consultative Committee and has been involved with 2 or 3 companies at the airport; and

(e) Councillor Woodley – Minute No. 4 (Airport Parking Scheme) – Non-pecuniary interest: Daughter is a pilot for EasyJet at the airport.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 27th July 2020 be received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Airport Parking Scheme

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) concerning further requests and alleged issues surrounding the parking areas in the vicinity of the airport. The report also sought the Working Party's views on the preferred way forward,

The Working Party discussed the options in some detail and considered the merits of undertaking consultation on individual roads as set out in Option 3 of the submitted report. It also heard that the concept of a "Southend Pass" and zoning of areas as part of a Boroughwide Parking Strategy were being currently being contemplated. The Working Party therefore felt, on balance, that consultation on any scheme should be delayed until 2021. This would enable the outcome of the discussions on these measures to help inform options this area.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended that consultation on any scheme for the area around the airport be delayed until 2021 to allow the service to understand the new parking behaviours, including those of the airport, and the outcome of discussions on the potential development of a Southend Pass and the zoning of areas as part of a Boroughwide Parking Strategy.

5 Eastern Avenue Safety Scheme

The Working Party received a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Planning) that presented and update on recent issues that had been experienced in Eastern Avenue and the next steps recommended by the service.

The Working Party noted that a Notion of Motion requesting the installation of average speed cameras in this stretch of road had been considered by the Council at its meeting on 10th September 2020 and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Resolved:-

That the report be noted.