

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Cabinet Committee

Date: Monday, 19th September, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor T Cox (Chair)
Councillor M Flewitt

In Attendance: Councillors B Arscott, M Assenheim, M Borton, S Buckley, J Garston, S Habermel, R Hadley, J Lamb, C Mulrone, G Phillips, N Ward, J Ware-Lane and P Wexham
P Geraghty, C Hindle-Terry and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 - 8.00 pm

247 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Byford (no substitute).

248 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item 4: Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations – Non-pecuniary interest: Family lives in vicinity;

(b) Councillor J Garston – Agenda Item No. 5: Member's Requests (Ref No. 16/10 Salisbury Road, Western Road area propose 1 hour restriction to prevent commuter parking – Non-pecuniary: Family lives in the vicinity;

(c) Councillor Mulrone – Agenda Item 4: Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the section of Southsea Avenue not affected by the proposal;

(d) Councillor Wexham – Agenda Item 4: Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations – Non-pecuniary interest: Knows a resident in one of the roads.

249 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2016

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2016 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

250 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 for the introduction of one-way traffic flows in the southern sections of Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue, Leigh on Sea.

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

Resolved:

1. That the Corporate Director or Place be authorised to confirm the traffic regulation order for the introduction of one way traffic in a southerly direction in the south section of Leighville Grove as advertised.
2. That proposed traffic regulation order for the introduction of one way traffic in a northerly direction in the south section of Southsea Avenue not be confirmed.

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 Option

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

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Eligible for call-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

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

Resolved:

1. That no further action be taken in respect of the following requests and that they be removed from the list:

16/02 – Extend existing junction protection at Feeches Road junction with Rochford Road;

16/05 – Extend restrictions in Frobisher Way towards ASDA exit end;

16/06 – Introduction of restrictions in Southchurch Boulevard by Centenary Place;

16/08 – Propose waiting restrictions in Thorpe Hall Close to protect driveway;

2. That consideration of the following requests be deferred and retained on the list:

15/08 – Verge hardening in eastern end of Riviera Drive;

16/11 – Introduction of waiting restrictions in Colbert Avenue west of the church.

3. That request reference no. 14/15 regarding the widening of the pedestrian refuge Ness Road, Shoeburyness, be removed from the list of Member's Requests and added to the list of priorities for approved traffic schemes /maintenance programme or until such time as alternative funding sources can be identified.

4. That the outcome of the investigation regarding request reference 15/01 for the amendment to the priority for traffic in North, South and Central Avenues be reported to the next meeting for consideration.
5. That, in the event of there being no further response from Ward Councillors in the next two weeks in respect request reference 15/07 for a pedestrian crossing in Elmsleigh Drive near Rayleigh Drive, the request be removed from the list and no further be taken in respect to the matter.
6. That request reference 15/18 regarding the creation of new parking facilities and the review of waiting restrictions in Saxon Gardens, Delaware Crescent, Blyth Avenue and Bunters Avenue be retained on the list and investigated in 2016/17 as part of the wider review of the historic waiting restrictions and officers be requested to investigate the possibility of creating a new parking facility in the crescent slip road at the western section of Delaware Road opposite Blyth Avenue.
7. That in respect of request reference 15/19 for the introduction of a one way system in Saxon Gardens, Ward Councillors be requested to undertake a survey of the residents to assess the preferred direction of flow and that upon receipt of the outcome of the survey, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the appropriate traffic regulation order.
8. That request reference 16/01 for the introduction of waiting restrictions or a parking management scheme to deter airport parking in Rochford Road service road, be retained on the list and that officers arrange a meeting with Ward Councillors and appropriate representatives of the airport to discuss the wider issue of airport parking.
9. That, with regard to request reference 16/03, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order to introduce limited waiting in Rayleigh Road, Eastwood between Edwards Hall School and Jones Corner to encourage parking turnover for local shops and business.
10. That, with regard to request reference 16/04 for the hardening of verges in Silversea Avenue, Ward Councillors be requested to undertake consultation with residents in accordance with the verge hardening policy.
11. That request reference 16/07 for the introduction of waiting restrictions on the bend in Campfield Road, Shoeburyness by Cumberland Packaging be retained on the list to enable further investigations to undertaken and any appropriate controls to be identified.
12. That, with regard to request reference 16/09, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order to introduce one way traffic flow in a northerly direction in Lansdowne Avenue and subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement to arrange for the order to be confirmed.
13. That, with regard to request reference 16/10, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation order to introduce a one hour waiting restriction in Salisbury Road at the Western Road area, the timing of which restriction to be determined in consultation with the Ward Councillors and subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement to arrange for the order to be confirmed.

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.

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Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

252 Parking Management Scheme Shoebury Area

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the results of the informal consultation that had recently been undertaken by the Ward Councillors on parking controls in the Shoebury area and, having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party, sought Members' approval on the appropriate way forward. A summary of the analysis of responses to the consultation was circulated the meeting.

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Gunners Road and Hinguar Street in the proposed parking management area, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the appropriate traffic regulation order and notices required to introduce a parking management scheme in the Shoebury area proposed, and in the event of there being no unresolved objections following statutory advertisement, the Parking Management Scheme will be added to the list of schemes to be implemented in the order of approval.

Reason for Decision

To improve parking priority for residents while incorporating road safety, access and traffic flow requirements.

Other Options

No action. This option would not address the parking issues

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253 Petition Requesting Permit Parking Controls Southend East

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the receipt of a petition signed by 320 residents of the roads north of Southend East Railway Station requesting parking controls to deter all day parking by commuters.

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

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That, in accordance with the agreed policy regarding parking management schemes, Ward Councillors be requested to undertake an informal consultation with residents of the wider area affected, including the area south of the railway, the results of which shall be reported back to the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee for consideration.

Reason for Decision

To manage parking increase parking provision.

Other Options

Take no further action. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and success from other permit parking style controls demonstrates that we can improve the parking situation for residents by introducing controls.

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Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

**254 Petition Requesting Amendment to Existing Parking Controls
 Shaftsbury Avenue**

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the receipt of a petition signed by 28 residents of Shaftsbury Avenue, requesting amendments to the existing waiting restrictions in the road between Lifstan Way and Warwick Road. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the appropriate traffic regulation order and notices for the removal of the existing alternate monthly parking restriction in this section of road to increase parking availability and subject to there being no objections following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be confirmed.

Reasons for Decision

To increase parking provision.

Other Options

Take no further action. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and where additional on street parking can be created; it is prudent to advertise the proposals and assess any feedback.

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Called-in to Place Scrutiny Committee:

Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox

255 Petition Requesting Parking Controls Eastwood Boulevard

The Cabinet Committee received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which appraised Members of the receipt a petition received from 19 residents of Eastwood Boulevard requesting that parking controls be considered on both sides of the street during the periods 8am to 10am and 3pm to 4pm Monday to Friday. Having considered the views of the Traffic & Parking Working Party it was:

Resolved:

1. That the petition be noted and the residents be thanked for taking the time to compile the petition.
2. That the request to propose waiting restrictions be declined for the reasons set out in the report.
3. That ward Members consider whether area wide parking controls would be appropriate and undertake any necessary consultations in accordance with the Policy.

Reasons for Decision

The requirements of the policy requirements agreed by the Cabinet Committee in January 2016 have not been met.

Other Options

Agree to the petitioners' request. The Council is required to consider petitions related to parking controls and the location has been assessed using the agreed policy criterion related to waiting restrictions. The location does not meet the criteria and action in these circumstances could be considered as acting outside of powers delegated to the traffic authority under the Road Traffic Regulation Act

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

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:

Tylers Avenue Car Park – Amend existing payment method from “pay on foot” to “pay and display” and online payments as a pilot to determine appropriate methods for future parking areas;

Various locations – Introduction of additional electric charging bays/car club electric charging bays and to amend the existing electric charging bays to incorporate a maximum waiting limit.

2. That the locations of the additional electric charging bays/car club electric charging bays be identified in consultation with the relevant Ward Councillors.

Reasons for Decision

Where recommended the objective is to mitigate for likelihood of traffic flows being impeded, to improve safety or increase parking availability.

Other Options

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Chairman: _____