

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Jim Fleming, at his meeting held on Thursday, 27 April 2017 at 4.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Jim Fleming

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

13. Apologies (AI 1)

Councillor Stuart Potter, as an opposition spokesperson, sent his apologies for absence

14. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

15. Street Naming and Numbering - Charges and Policy (AI 3)

Andrew Mills, Head of Information Resources, presented the report on behalf of the Assistant Director of Contracts, Commercial, Highways, IT & Procurement. He explained that this is a service already provided, but as with other local authorities, the council was now proposing to charge for the service and the associated policy would show how these charges would apply. There would be a slight adjustment to the policy document before for publication regarding locality names (to correct references to Cosham, Milton and Eastney as they are not locality names, to give correct examples such as Whale Island).

Councillor Stagg, as an opposition spokesperson, queried why local family names would usually be refused, and it was reported that exceptions could be considered for those who had contributed significantly to the city.

Councillor Fleming, as Cabinet Member, felt that it was appropriate to ask for contributions from developers through these charges, as this principle is already being implemented by other local authorities.

DECISIONS:

(1) The Cabinet Member approved the adoption throughout the City of Portsmouth of the legislation set out below with the purpose of introducing charges for street naming and numbering:

(a) Sections 17- 19 Public Health Act 1925

(b) Sections 64 - 65 Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847

(2) The charges for work relating to the Street Naming and Numbering service, set out in Appendix A, to be adopted with effect from 27th May 2017.

(3) The Street Naming and Numbering Policy (set out in Appendix C) to be adopted with effect from 27th May 2017.

16. Doyle Avenue Traffic Regulation Order 24/17 (AI 4)

Councillor Fleming, as Cabinet Member, reported that he had received a written representation from Councillor Scott Harris, which he had read and this had been circulated to the spokespersons present. (Councillor Harris was present at the meeting as he had previously requested to speak on this item but as the meeting was now in the political 'Purdah' period all councillors had been advised by the Chief Executive that they would not be able to speak at the portfolio meetings as a deputation.)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director presented the report on behalf of the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support. She explained that how, when consulting on the zig-zags, the loss of parking had been seen as unacceptable by local residents.

Councillor Stagg, as spokesperson, felt that children's safety should be prioritised over provision of parking, and referred to the Transport, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel's previous review of road safety around schools which had advocated zig-zag markings outside schools. She had visited local schools to see the enforcement regime needed due to infringements by some parents. Councillor Stagg therefore thought that it was counter-productive not to put extra lines in for this scheme.

Alan Cufley, Director for Transport, Environment & Community Safety, added that he appreciated Councillor Harris' comments praising the work of the team in seeking a resolution. The proposal was a practical solution to a complicated position which, through the proposed parking scheme, will allow vehicles to park legitimately off the carriageway whilst the amended zig zag lines will facilitate appropriate and approved enforcement to take place outside the school.

Councillor Fleming stressed that mobile enforcement cameras were used in the city for monitoring parking near schools to help improve the safety of children. He thanked the ward councillors for their involvement in the consultation process.

DECISIONS:

(1) The 6-metre extension to the 'school keep clear' zig zag restriction as proposed under TRO 24/2017 is not implemented;

(2) The existing 'school keep clear' zig zag restriction is remarked on the highway, approximately 4 metres shorter in overall length;

(3) The layby is constructed and the adjacent double yellow lines amended, as proposed under TRO 24/2017;

(4) The 'school keep clear' restriction is reassessed following completion of the building works within the school (Summer 2018), in terms of the potential closure of the pedestrian entrance nearest Northern Parade.

17. Solent Transport Business Plan (AI 5)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director, presented the report on behalf of the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, which set out the partnership work taking place to secure funding through Solent Transport for the sub region.

Councillor Stagg, as an opposition spokesperson, queried why the report did not have the full Business Plan attached, just the Work Plan. Alan Cufley, as Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, offered to share the Business Plan with the Opposition spokespersons as well as the Cabinet Member. Councillor Chowdhury also expressed interest in receiving this information.

It was noted that the 2017/18 contribution from Portsmouth City Council had reduced from £50,000 to £40,000. Councillor Fleming, as Cabinet Member, believed that this is a good source of investment for the local region and that the Solent Transport partnership was a useful body for building relationships with other local councils on a cross-party basis.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member agreed that the Solent Transport Business Plan 2017-18, known as the Solent Transport Work Plan, is adopted by Portsmouth City Council.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.

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Councillor Jim Fleming
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation