

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Simon Boshier, at his meeting held on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 4.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Simon Boshier

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

1. Apologies (AI 1)

Councillor Stagg apologised for her late arrival.

2. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

3. Community Transport Review (Information Report) (AI 3)

Louise Wilders, Director of Community & Communication, presented her report, accompanied by Gina Perryman, Access & Equality Advisor. She set out the background to the review of provision of across the board for those who had historically used Dial a Ride. The review had been undertaken by voluntary sector partners Age UK Portsmouth and Portsmouth Disability Forum (PDF), regarding options available in the city and wider examples (in Hampshire and nationally) as well as PDF considering transport in Portsmouth from a disability perspective. Age UK Portsmouth interviewed previous customers known to them and assisted them into different modes of transport which had increased their independence. The findings had shown that public transport in the city has improved in access arrangements, and that the Good Neighbour scheme worked well across Hampshire and was now piloting in Portsmouth. Some of the feedback had indicated that better training was needed for licensed taxi drivers and greater public awareness was required to ensure parking does not take place in bus stops.

Councillor Stagg was interested in the survey findings but did not believe that it had reached all the previous users of Dial-a-Ride, stating that only 1 of 60 had submitted a return. The previous users had indicated that it had been used for a range of activities such as doctors' appointments as well as for shopping, and that they missed the extra care shown by the drivers and many now felt house-bound. It was reported that the service had been designed to help with shopping and that Patient Transport was available for health appointments.

Councillor Boshier asked if the Dial-a-Ride organisers had been asked for a list of their users? Louise Wilders reported that she was concerned around Data Protection issues, but advised that they had been approached on more than one occasion, and to cover Data Protection had offered to pay for letters to be passed on, as it was important that they were supported and offered alternative means of transport. However this information had not been provided and the offer to provide information to be passed on had not been accepted so efforts had also been made to make contact via community centres and through the wider voluntary and community sector and health partners. The number of clients had fallen to 10/11. Councillor Boshier was frustrated that this information had not been forthcoming when the service was taken back in-house when it had been requested.

Councillor Boshier thanked Portsmouth Disability Forum and Age UK Portsmouth for their work in undertaking the surveys and welcomed the thorough report which showed that viable alternatives were available.

Councillor Chowdhury asked for the survey information to be shared and Councillor Boshier agreed that this should be made available to the Traffic & Transportation spokespersons.

The information report was noted.

4. KC West Southsea - Reducing the free parking within residents' parking bays (TRO 108/2017) (AI 4)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report. This sought to reduce the period of free parking in bays from 3 to 2 hours, following consultation on Traffic Regulation Order 108/2017 which had resulted in 37 responses.

Councillor Chowdhury indicated that he supported the recommendation.

Councillor Boshier, as Cabinet Member, was surprised that there had not been a larger response as there are over 4500 properties within the KC zone, and all residents and businesses had received notification of the proposal. Because of this low response rate, Councillor Boshier felt it was not possible to support a change as it appeared that the majority of residents seemed comfortable with how arrangements currently operated.

DECISION: That the 'Portsmouth City Council (KC West Southsea) (Residents' Parking Zone Amendment) (No.108) Order 2017' not be implemented as advertised, (reducing the free parking period within the KC zone residents' parking bays from 3 hours to 2 hours) so that the 3 hour period in these bays be retained.

5. Elkstone Road Traffic Calming - Results of Public Consultation (AI 5)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report of the Director of Regeneration. From the response received the majority (20 of the 27 responses) supported Option 1.

Councillor Chowdhury supported the speed calming proposal.

Councillor Boshier was aware of the problems being experienced in Elkstone Road so welcomed this initiative.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved Option 1, to implement three speed cushions across the carriageway width within several locations in Elkstone Road, for implementation.

6. Slingsby Close - Double yellow lines (TRO 115b/2017) (AI 6)

Councillor Boshier varied the agenda order to take this item earlier due to the deputations being made; these were heard from Mr Williams on behalf of Mr & Mrs Bosshardt, and from Mr Bacon, all speaking against the double yellow lines which supported the officer recommendation.

(Deputations are not minuted in full as these are recorded as part of the web-cast of this meeting which can be viewed here

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Cabinet-TT-25Jan2018>)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support, presented the report, which set out the background to the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO 115b/2017) and the responses as set out in Section 4.1 of the report.

Councillor Boshier reported that he had received further later representations, so there was representation both in favour of parking restrictions and against it. It was reported that Pembroke Park was due to be surveyed for views on a possible Residents Parking scheme in 2019.

Councillor Chowdhury noted the even balance of the representations for and against the implementation of double yellow lines in Slingsby Close. (Councillor Stagg did not participate in the discussion of this item due to her late arrival.)

Councillor Boshier, Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, had visited Slingsby Close twice to look at the parking situation, meeting with residents on one of these visits. He was aware of problems caused by cars parking in the turning circle and that parts of the road were narrow, with the issue of emergency vehicle access being raised (especially if there was parking both sides of the road). Councillor Boshier was also aware of complaints that there was long stay parking by those commuting to the Isle of Wight. Therefore as he was not in favour of the proposed double yellow lines but was mindful of other problems being experienced and the survey for Residents Parking not taking place until 2019, he asked if there was another course of action?

Pam Turton suggested that informal consultation could be undertaken with residents to further analyse their different needs, to seek an alternative solution. Councillor Boshier supported this and amended recommendation 2 to

try to seek a solution through consultation, but supported recommendation 1 so that the double yellow lines would not be implemented at this time.

DECISIONS:

- (1) That the double yellow lines are not installed at this time, primarily due to the objections from residents but also the lack of evidence to show Slingsby Close experiences exceptional congestion issues due to on-street parking.**
- (2) That further consultation takes place with residents to mitigate the parking issues being experienced.**

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.

Councillor Simon Boshier
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation