

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Simon Boshier, at his meeting held on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at 2.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

Present

Councillor Simon Boshier

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury

10. Apologies (AI 1)

None.

11. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

This meeting was recorded/webcast which can be viewed here
<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Cabinet-TT-13Mar2018/videos/171503331>

(Councillor Boshier decided to vary the agenda order of items to hear from those making deputations first.)

12. Local Transport Plan 3 - Implementation Plan 2018/19 (AI 3)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director for Transport, presented the report for the Director of Regeneration, which set out some small scale capital improvement schemes totalling £1.5m (as detailed in Appendix A). Councillor Boshier was pleased that the programme reflected cycling schemes as a priority with infrastructure works being planned and targeted (with the use of captured data).

Councillor Chowdhury commented on the danger of cyclists on pavements. Councillor Boshier responded that there could be further education regarding the use of shared pavements. Officers worked with the Portsmouth Cycle Forum and the police had been undertaking work on cycling safety such as "Close Pass".

Councillor Stagg asked if there was a long term plan for cycling in the city, as the infrastructure was behind other comparable cities at a time when people are being encouraged to use bikes. Pam Turton reported on work with the Department of Transport (LC WIP Programme) and the development of a revised cycling and walking strategy.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation:

- (1) Approved the LTP3 Implementation Plan;**
- (2) Delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation and the Section 151 Officer to agree any minor amendments to the Implementation Plan that may be required to take account of future funding changes and policy announcements.**

13. Preferred Provider For City Wide Cycle Hire Scheme (AI 4)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director for Transport, presented the report for the Director of Regeneration. Councillor Boshier apologised for the late circulation of this report and thanked Nick Scott, Senior Active Travel Officer, and all the officers who had worked hard on progressing the floating bike scheme. He was pleased that this was now at the stage of development and grateful for the support of the Opposition Spokespersons too, and hoped that this would be supported by the Portsmouth Cycle Forum.

Councillor Boshier hoped that the areas for the bike hire could be expanded in the future to include the seafront. He welcomed the local employment opportunities and that a variety of users are catered for, with an affordable fee structure. This would also encouraged healthier journey choices in the city.

Councillor Stagg gave her support to this excellent scheme. Councillor Chowdhury felt it was a good scheme that needed to be as affordable as possible.

Councillor Boshier was pleased that Nextbike wished to implement the scheme in June 2018 and they would share the data collected on popular cycling routes which would help when considering infrastructure improvements.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation agreed that:

- (1) Portsmouth City Council enter into an 18 month pilot with Nextbike to provide a floating bike share scheme in the city;**
- (2) A concession contract is agreed and signed with Nextbike prior to the launch of the first bikes in Portsmouth;**
- (3) A code of conduct for bike share schemes in the city is explored.**

14. TRO 3/2018 - Christchurch Gardens, Peronne Road, Stroudley Avenue, Winter Road Parking Restrictions Proposals (AI 5)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director for Transport, presented the report of the Director of Regeneration.

Deputations were made by Mr Stead and Mr Cripps (these were recorded as part of the webcasting), both of whom wished to see significantly more than the proposed 6m removal of double yellow lines at Christchurch Gardens.

With regard to comments made within the deputations of advertising the proposals, Councillor Boshier reported that this Traffic Regulation Order had been designed to address any earlier misunderstandings. He asked Pam Turton to comment on the issues raised regarding the use of white lines; Ms Turton responded that this would depend on the width of the pavement and the need to allow use by pedestrians. Councillor Boshier had visited Christchurch Gardens himself to assess the proposals.

Councillor Stagg's view was that if there had been no recorded accidents and many of the residents did not want the double yellow lines she would favour removing them. Councillor Chowdhury wanted both the safety factors and views of the residents to be considered.

Councillor Boshier had read all the representations received and seen the exchanges of correspondence regarding Christchurch Gardens. He supported the double yellow lines on the corner for road safety purposes but these should not extend too far, so these should be reduced by 6m (to give protection and visibility) and there should be further consideration given to the introduction of white lines for Christchurch Gardens.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved:

- (1) Christchurch Gardens: that the double yellow lines on the bend are reduced in length by 6 metres, eastwards from No.4's driveway as proposed;**
- (2) that traffic calming measures and reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph is considered by the Road Safety & Active Travel and/or Network Management teams;**
- (3) Peronne Road / Military Road: that the double yellow lines on the south side of the junction are introduced as proposed;**
- (4) Stroudley Avenue / Lower Drayton Lane: that the double yellow lines are extended as proposed;**
- (5) that a further extension the restriction is explored as suggested, and proposals put forward should residents be supportive;**
- (6) Winter Road: that the specified lengths of 24-hour double yellow lines are changed to an 8am-6pm single yellow line as proposed, to enable off-peak evening and overnight parking;**
- (7) That the remaining 29 proposals under TRO 3/2018 are implemented as advertised.**

15. TRO 115b/ 2017) Cockleshell Gardens - Double Yellow Lines (AI 6)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director for Transport, presented the report.

A deputation was made, on behalf of Ms Stevenson, read by Ms McClure (a written copy had also been circulated to Cllr Boshier and the opposition spokespersons) - this can be viewed as part of the web-stream of the

meeting. Ms Stevenson had wished to raise the problems of parking in Cockleshell Gardens, exacerbated by football match parking by those using the nearby community sports club ground and the danger to children pedestrians.

Councillor Luke Stubbs also spoke as a ward councillor who spoke about the leasing/parking arrangement at the sports club, the good response to the consultation and he would favour double yellow lines only to help at the pinch point.

Councillor Boshier as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation needed to consider the transport issues and the leasing arrangements which would involve different officers. He had also received a written deputation referring to East Lodge Park. The proposals sought to address the problems to make the access safer. He asked if time restrictions could be considered; Pam Turton responded that timed enforcement was a possible option. It was noted that the advisory sign to deter parking by football visitors did not have legal standing.

Councillor Stagg felt that there should be an attempt to speak to the sports club about providing their own parking and the possibility of putting out cones on Sundays to aid safety or put single lines at the pinch point for Sundays. Councillor Chowdhury also felt that priority should be given to the residents for parking and reiterated the need to ensure safety.

Councillor Boshier was mindful that the Traffic Regulation Order had been advertised, and the ideas raised at this meeting may vary from this, with the need to examine traffic management issues and to have a dialogue with the community football club to ensure they are good neighbours. He therefore favoured deferring consideration of this item so that further information could be brought back before a decision is taken.

DECISION: The Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation deferred a decision on this item to allow further liaison with the community sports club to take place regarding weekend parking by their patrons.

16. Lyndhurst Road and Crofton Road One-Way System (AI 7)

Pam Turton, Assistant Director for Transportation, presented the report. This was for a 1-way system to improve road safety following concerns raised by the 2 local schools and this would also increase the number of parking spaces.

Councillor Boshier, as Cabinet Member, had visited both sites and had seen the problems at school opening and closing times, and supported these proposals to increase the safety of the children and help assist the school crossing attendant.

Councillor Chowdhury supported the proposal to increase the safety for residents and suggested that more signs be considered to warn of children crossing by the schools. Councillor Stagg pointed out that the 20mph signs

were not repeated in the entrances to these roads. Pam Turton undertook to review the signage in these roads to see if these were adequate.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation:

(1) Approved the no-entry (except cycles) from Kirby Road southbound into Lyndhurst Road and from Stubbington Avenue northbound into Crofton Road with TRO 08/2018 Section A (Appendix 1).

(2) approved the implementation of one-way traffic (except cycles) in Crofton Road (southbound) and Lyndhurst Road (northbound) within TRO 08/2018 Section B (Appendix 1) to establish the one-way system.

(3) Approved the reduction of prohibition of waiting (double yellow lines) at the one-way system entry points Kirby Road, Lyndhurst Road and Stubbington Road within TRO 08/2018 Section C (Appendix 1).

At the close of the meeting, which was the last of the municipal year, Councillor Simon Boshier wished to place on record his thanks to Pam Turton and her team for their work for his portfolio.

The meeting concluded at 3.25 pm.

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Councillor Simon Boshier
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation