

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION**

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Councillor Dowling at his meeting held on Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 5.00 pm in the The Executive Meeting Room - Third Floor, The Guildhall

### **Present**

Councillor Simon Boshier  
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury  
Councillor Ben Dowling (Cabinet Member)

#### **43. Apologies (AI 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **44. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **45. Revised Residents' Parking Programme of Consultation (reconsideration) (AI 3)**

Councillor Ben Dowling, during the introductions, explained that he was deputising for the Cabinet Member for Transport as he had taken the earlier decision due to Councillor Stagg's declared interest.

Pam Turton, Assistant Director (Transport), presented the report by the Director of Regeneration which was in response to the Scrutiny Management Panel's (SMP) decision to refer back the called-in decision.

A written deputation had been circulated from residents of Mulberry Lane and the Close in Cosham regarding the effect of displacement parking caused by nearby residents' parking zone BF and their request for one which had not been advanced.

In response to a question from Councillor Boshier, Pam Turton confirmed that the Traffic Regulation Order for zones MB and MC would be implemented from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, in accordance with the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation's decision in October.

Councillor Boshier, Spokesperson, raised his procedural concerns regarding the delay in the Scrutiny Management Panel's consideration of the call-in of the decision taken on 31<sup>st</sup> July, asking why it had taken over 3 months for the SMP meeting? He requested that the City Solicitor and Democratic Services explain the delay which he felt had caused a flaw with the decision for MB and MC zones now proceeding. He was concerned that areas suffering

displacement would then be given priority over those on the existing programme, caused by a piecemeal approach. The Democratic Services Officer confirmed that the City Solicitor would be asked to write to Councillor Boshier to explain the delay in hearing this call-in.

Councillor Dowling felt that lessons could be learnt and Councillor Boshier suggested that standing orders may need to be revisited through the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee.

Councillor Boshier thought that the representation on MB and MC had been marginal for and against and believed that informal surveys should be used every time.

Councillor Dowling thought that the programme of RPZs could be revisited at public meetings when necessary and the transport officers would be looking at the issue of displacement parking.

Councillor Choudhury, Spokesperson, raised the issue of resources to enable the informal surveys to continue, and Councillor Dowling would speak with Councillor Stagg on the issue of resourcing. Members were aware of the hard work taking place and Pam Turton reported that a second officer had started in September to assist with the process.

Councillor Boshier reiterated his concern that the programme for residents' parking was being amended so that those who were already on the list no longer had an expectation of what would happen with implementation timetables (such as for the written deputation from Cosham), and this should always be a Cabinet Member's decision in a public meeting.

Councillor Dowling confirmed that the changes to the overall programme would be made in a public meeting. There was also the matter of displacement caused by implementation of nearby zones, which was a matter of officer capacity. The intention was not to disadvantage those residents already on the programme. Pam Turton clarified that provision was stated within the original minutes (of 31 July 2018) that changes to the programme would be a member level decision.

Councillor Dowling was satisfied that he had enough information to take a decision (and no new information had been made available) to reconfirm his previous decision.

**DECISION The Cabinet Member reaffirmed his previous decision taken on the 31st July 2018, which was that:**

- (1) the progress on the previously approved Residents' Parking Programme was noted (September 2015 - June 2018);**
- (2) the revised Programme of Consultations with local residents, as set out in the report, was confirmed and consultation on each area listed be progressed.**

The meeting concluded at 5.31 pm.

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Councillor Ben Dowling acting as  
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation