

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held remotely on Thursday 20 August 2020 at 4pm.

Present

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Graham Heaney

21. Apologies (AI 1)

No apologies had been received.

22. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

23. Residents' Parking Programme of Consultation - Reprioritisation Post Covid-19 (AI 3)

Pam Turton, Transport Assistant Director, Transport, Regeneration introduced the report.

Deputations were heard from the following Councillors:

In favour

- Gerald Vernon-Jackson
- Dave Ashmore
- Leo Madden
- Matthew Winnington

Against

- Scott Payter-Harris

Deputations are not minuted but can be viewed on the livestream on the following link <https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/cabinet-tt-20jul2020>

In response to questions from members, Nikki Musson, Senior Transport Planner clarified the following points:

Feedback is very important to help shape the Resident Parking Zones (RPZs) proposals that are currently being finalised. There are a number of options for Devonshire Avenue residents; all of which will permit parking on both sides.

The implementation of zones MH and MI could be staggered in order to reduce the displacement effects

The NB, NC and MK zones are prioritised because they are part of the rolling programme introduced last year. MG, MH and MI zones were added last year and have progressed; therefore the areas immediately adjacent have been added this year. Similarly, 9 areas that are no longer required have been removed from the Programme.

There have been some requests for RPZ in the NB, NC and MK areas.

Residents in the MI zone are extremely concerned about the surrounding area, due to consultations currently underway nearby

It was agreed that the number of properties in the MG, MH and MI zones that had been sent the informal survey and the number of responses (rather than percentage figures alone) will be included in the reports following consultation on these areas as per usual practice. In the meantime, this information will be sent to the Opposition Spokespersons.

There is no minimum number required for returned residents' informal surveys for proposed RPZs. If the majority of responses are in favour, a formal consultation will be carried out.

Since the ME parking zone was put in place, displacement problems have been reported in the GB zone on match days.

Stamshaw North residents were consulted in 2012. This area has been put back on the programme because of a number of requests since then.

This year's work programme has a more realistic timeframe and will be reviewed in June 2021.

Two officers are dealing with the responses to the five current consultations.

No consultants were recruited to review existing parking zones because of a lack of funding or suitable resources being identified

The GC zone area of Fratton reappears on the programme due to residents' requests and its location, and has been prioritised using the Priority Framework Matrix

In response to a question, Ms Turton added that it is essential that the programme is flexible so that it can be reviewed and renewed more frequently. The work has a significant impact on other areas in the Transport Department, other departments and external contractors

In response to questions, Councillor Stagg explained that in the past, she had requested that consultations not go ahead unless 51% of residents had responded and 51% of respondents were in favour. This had not worked.

She also emphasised the importance of consulting as soon as possible with residents who have been waiting for a long time.

Three work streams had been requested:

- 1) Rolling programmes.
- 2) Outstanding.
- 3) Reviews.

All three Councillors expressed concern for residents who had been waiting a considerable amount of time for a RPZ consultation in their areas.

Councillor Boshier suggested that a five-year programme be introduced indicating when areas can expect to see progress in their areas. He felt that the proposed programme was chasing displacement around Southsea.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member:

- (a) Noted the progress since September 2019 described in paragraph 3.7 in conjunction with the 4-month delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic;**
- (b) Agreed the amended programme set out in Table 1 (page 4) and consultation continues within the rolling programme until a point where RPZs are not wanted or needed by residents in the areas referred to,**
- (c) Agreed that if the workstream set out in Table 1 reaches a point where RPZs are not wanted or needed by residents that the next area to be considered is the area with the highest priority score shown in Table 2 (page 5).**

The meeting concluded at 5.25pm.

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation