

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg, at her meeting held on Thursday, 4 November 2021 at 4.00 pm in Council Chamber - The Guildhall.

Present

Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Graham Heaney

32. Apologies (AI 1)

No apologies for absence were received.

33. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

No interests were declared.

34. Old Portsmouth Area Traffic Study (AI 3)

Steven Flynn, Principal Traffic & Development Planning Engineer introduced the report.

Mr Mike Dobson made a deputation broadly in support of the application which can be viewed [here](#).

In response to questions from Councillors, Mr Flynn and Paul Darlow, Traffic & Network Manager clarified the following points:

Information regarding what priority is given to reports of near-misses when assessing the roundabout will be sent to Councillors after the meeting.

The majority of other roundabouts had either undergone substantial work regarding safety or 'cyclists beware' signs had been erected. The sign was on this roundabout.

Stakeholders included: Friends of Old Portsmouth Association, Old Portsmouth & Gunwharf Residents' Association, Spice Island Residents' Association, St Jude's School, Portsmouth Grammar School, Police Community Service Officers, the cathedral and Ward Councillors.

DECISIONS

The Cabinet Member:

- 1. Noted the contents of this report;**
- 2. Agreed the recommendations made in the study report (see section 5);**
- 3. Delegated authority to the Assistant Director for Transport to determine the highway interventions to be advanced for future**

funding bids in line with the recommended schemes in the study report.

35. E-scooter - interim update (AI 4)

Felicity Tidbury, Transport Planning Manager introduced the report and in response to questions, she and Hayley Chivers, Strategic Transport Lead clarified the following points:

Voi is hold monthly events to promote safety and the council is working with them on in-app notifications about safety. There is also an online school where users can read safety advice.

Provisional models did not have indicators.

The GPS on the scooters are only accurate to 8m which means that if the path is adjacent to the road, the scooter cannot be disabled for riding on the pavement.

The speed limit in the Guildhall Square is 5mph.

The minimum age for hiring a scooter is 18. The council is using social media platforms including TikTok to target the younger demographic to raise awareness of using e-scooters safely.

Gareth James, Future Transport Zone Project Manager explained that the carbon dioxide reduction figures are being closely scrutinised. Voi Beryl E-scooters on the Isle of Wight have used all the correct techniques and base figures. The survey carried out in Portsmouth by Voi calculated the notional figure at 44% and Portsmouth City Council's survey stated 56%.

Solent Transport will continue monitoring and this will inform further decisions.

Many factors were considered when calculating the carbon reduction figures, including the durability of the scooters (now 5 years) and their disposal.

The most used parking node is at the Hard Interchange. Many of these scooters are used for the last mile of multi-modal journeys.

Equitable access for everyone in Portsmouth is essential.

Complaints from the public are not in the report but Voi is looking at a way to integrate them. He noted that in Voi Ambassadors recorded approximately 900 incidents and in the same period there were 48 complaints.

Actions

It was agreed that the following information would be shared with Cllr Boshier: A breakdown of the data in paragraph 5.5 would be shared if available. Further information on carbon dioxide savings and usage.

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The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified.

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Councillor Lynne Stagg
Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation